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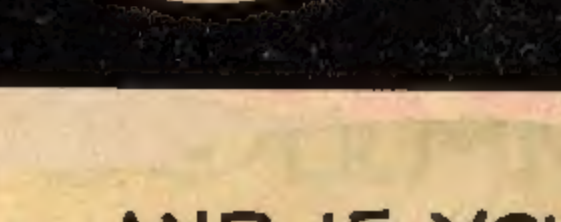

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Knights of the Galaxy
FROM PLANET EARTH TO THE GIANT STAR ARCTURUS, ROVES A LEGENDARY BAND--THE GALAXY KNIGHTS! FROM THEIR FIGHTER STATION ON PLANETOID GALA, THESE SPACE COMMANDOS OF THE 30TH CENTURY ANSWER EVERY THREAT TO THE FREE PEOPLES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEMS! NOW JOIN LYLE, THE GALAXY KNIGHTS' NEWEST RECRUIT, AS HE BATTLES THE DIABOLICAL FORCE WHICH HAS BROUGHT ALL SPACE-TRAVEL TO A STANDSTILL... IN...
NINE WORLDS TO CONQUER!
STORY BY ANTHONY DION

LUNAR SPECIAL JP-III, EN ROUTE TO THE MOON WITH GAY VACATIONERS ON JANUARY 3, 2900, IS 14,000 MILES WITHIN SIGHT OF ITS DESTINATION WHEN...

FLASH RED! SWITCH ON ALL STARBOARD REJECT BLASTS! WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR--

BUT THE LUNAR SPECIAL CAPTAIN'S WORDS ARE LOST THE NEXT MOMENT...AND FOREVER AFTER...

RETURNING ON A ROCKET EXPRESS FROM A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE NORTHEASTERN RIM OF JUPITER, PROF. MANRO IS ABOUT TO CHECKMATE A MOVE BY HIS CHESS OPPONENT AND COLLEAGUE, DR. ROTON...

ROTON...I'VE WAITED SEVENTEEN YEARS FOR THIS MOVE! HA, HA!

BUT THE PROFESSOR NEVER COMPLETES HIS LONG-AWAITED MOVE, FOR...

AT THAT MOMENT, THE GALAXY KNIGHTS, FAMOUS SPACE COMMANDOS, WHOSE EXPLOITS HAVE PROTECTED THE INHABITANTS OF COUNTLESS SOLAR SYSTEMS, ARE IN THEIR CONFERENCE CHAMBER ON PLANETOID GALA...

KNIGHT COMMANDER ARTHO--FELLOW KNIGHTS! I HEREBY REPORT MISSION L-240 COMPLETED WITH THE CAPTURE OF PROF. VORKO! AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE TELESCREEN, HE IS AWAITING TRIAL IN ELECTROPRISON!

WELL DONE, COMMANDO THOM! PROF. VORKO'S CAPTURE MEANS OUR GALAXY'S ROCKETS, FREE FROM PIRATICAL ATTACK, CAN ONCE MORE TRAVEL TO ANY PART OF SPACE!

AS THE SPACE COMMANDO ADDRESSES THE PRISONER...

PROF. YORKO! OUR ANCESTORS FOUGHT TO KEEP THE SEAS AND THE LAND FREE! WE KNIGHT-COMMANDOS OF THE GALAXY FIGHT TO KEEP SPACE **FREE** FOR ALL TO TRAVEL IN WITHOUT FEAR! THAT IS WHY YOU, WHO HAVE PREYED UPON SPACE TRAVELERS, ARE NOW A PRISONER!

I WON'T BE A PRISONER FOR LONG, COMMANDER ARTHO! YOU WILL **BEG** ME TO LEAVE!

SWITCHING OFF THE ARROGANT PRISONER'S IMAGE FROM THE TELESCREEN...

LYLE! YOU ARE OUR NEWEST RECRUIT! BEFORE YOU CAN RIGHTFULLY CALL YOURSELF A KNIGHT OF THE GALAXY, AND A SPACE COMMANDO, YOU MUST PROVE YOUR WORTH ON A MISSION SUCH AS YOUR FELLOW KNIGHT HAS JUST COMPLETED!

ALL I ASK IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE MYSELF, COMMANDER ARTHO, AND--

JUST THEN... THE TELESCREEN LIGHTS UP AGAIN...

CENTRAL NAVIGATION STATION CALLING GALAXY KNIGHTS! COUNTLESS COSMIC COLLISIONS HAVE CAUSED ALL SPACE TRAVEL TO BE SUSPENDED! SOLAR LISTENING POSTS HAVE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS ON SEVERAL DOOMED SHIPS WHICH LEAD US TO SUSPECT--

BEFORE THE AMAZED EYES OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GALAXY, **ANOTHER** IMAGE SUPERSEDES THAT OF THE CENTRAL NAVIGATION OFFICIAL...

--THAT AN OUTSIDE FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE--

HA, HA, HA!

HOW COULD PROF. YORKO CUT INTO THE TELESCREEN PICTURE-FIELD WHEN HE'S IN THE ELECTROPRISON?

LYLE! BRING THE PRISONER HERE! ALTHOUGH IT IS THE 30TH CENTURY, THE LAWS OF SPACE STILL CANNOT BE DEFIED! NO ONE CAN ACTUALLY BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!

YES, COMMANDER!

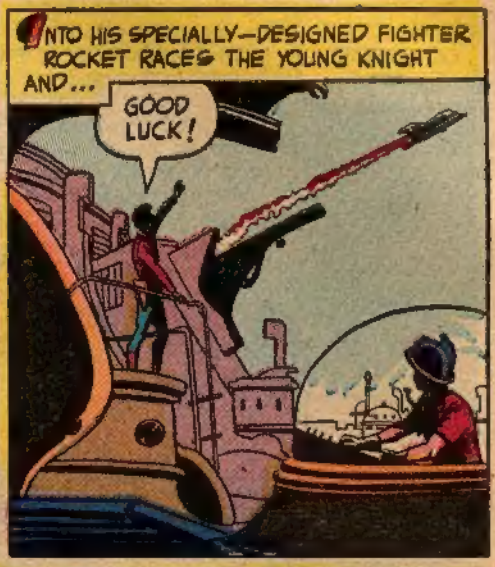
VIA THE ELEVATOSPHERE, LYLE SWIFTLY DESCENDS TO THE IMPREGNABLE PRISON ON PLANETOID GALA...

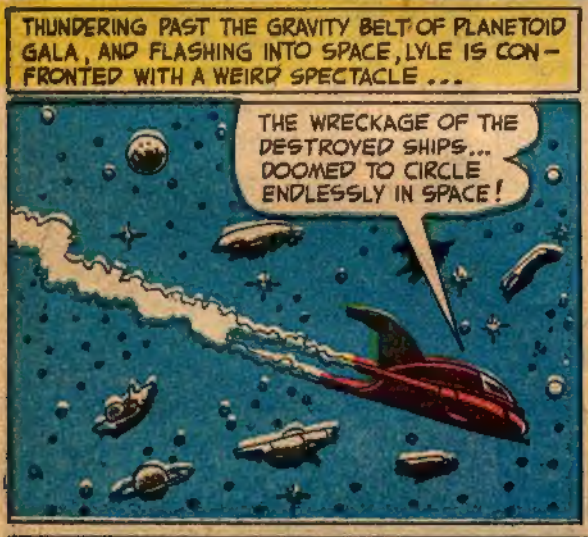
PROF. YORKO'S THREAT, AND THE NEWS OF THE DISASTER TO SPACE TRAVEL, MUST BE CONNECTED! BUT-- HOW?

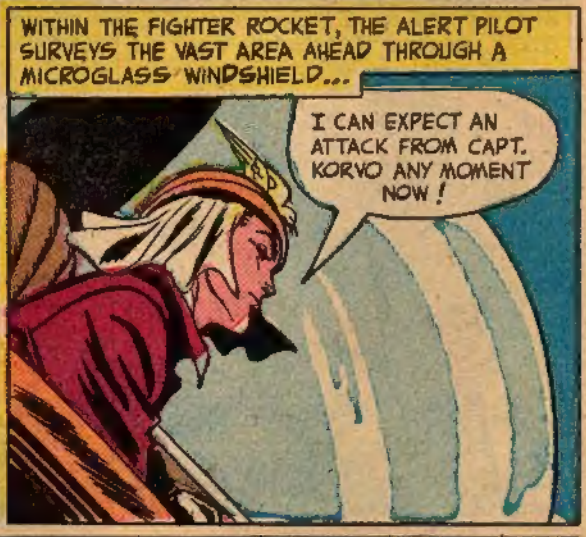
THE PRISONER'S CELL DOOR OPENS AT LYLE'S VOICE...
OPEN!
CLEVER DEVICE OF YOURS - ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLING THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF CELL DOORS BY YOUR VOICES! IT MAKES ESCAPE BY PRISONERS IMPOSSIBLE! THAT IS WHY I KNEW YOU WOULD HAVE TO RELEASE ME OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL!
AS THE APPRENTICE COMMANDO HOLDS THE PRISONER'S ARM TO ESCORT HIM...
AHH~!
YOU LOOK SURPRISED! OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY SHOCKED! AND NO WONDER! BY TOUCHING ME, YOU'VE RECEIVED A PARALYZING ELECTRIC CHARGE! IT COMES FROM ISOTOPIC METALLIC THREADS IN MY COSTUME! A LITTLE DEVICE I FORESAW IN THE EVENT OF MY CAPTURE!
AS THE SARDONIC VILLIAN STEPS OVER LYLE'S STUNNED BODY...
FAREWELL! I COULD NOT HAVE ESCAPED WITHOUT YOUR HELP! NOW YOU ARE POWERLESS TO PREVENT ME!
I'LL NEVER BE... A GALAXY KNIGHT... IF I... ALLOW HIM... TO ESCAPE...
STRAINING EVERY NERVE, THE YOUNG COMMANDO RECRUIT FORCES HIS NUMBED FINGERS TO GRASP THE FOOT OF THE ESCAPING PRISONER...
MUST... STOP... HIM!
FOOL! YOU CAN'T HOLD ME!
DESPITE THE CHARGES WHICH SHAKE EVERY ATOM OF HIS BEING, THE YOUTHFUL KNIGHT GRIMLY HOLDS ONTO PROF. VORKO...
I CAN'T... FAIL... MY FELLOW KNIGHTS... MUST NOT... LET GO...
CENTURIES OF TORMENT SEEM TO PASS... THEN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, LYLE! LET GO OF THE PRISONER! THE ELECTRICAL CHARGES FROM HIS ATTIRE HAVE BEEN DISSIPATED!
WHEN YOU DID NOT RETURN IMMEDIATELY, WE LOCATED YOU BY RADAREYE!

BACK AT THE CONFERENCE CHAMBER...
WELL DONE, LYLE! PROF. VORKO--THIS SHOULD TEACH YOU AND EVERY CRIMINAL THAT CRIME CANNOT WIN! IT IS NOT WITH 30TH CENTURY SCIENTIFIC DEVICES THAT WE WILL DEFEAT YOU--BUT WITH THE SIMPLE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF MEN DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM!
SUDDENLY, AN ARROGANT VOICE RINGS OUT FROM THE TELESCREEN...
WE ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!
THERE ARE TWO PROF. VORKOS!
MY TWIN BROTHER, KORVO, HAS NEWS FOR YOU!
I GIVE YOU ONE HOUR TO RELEASE MY BROTHER! REFUSE--AND I'LL DESTROY SPACE TRAVEL! ISOLATE EVERY PLANET FROM EACH OTHER!
WHAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED TO SPACE TRAVEL IS BUT THE BEGINNING OF A PLAN! A PLAN I PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF MY CAPTURE! I AM THE SCIENTIFIC BRAIN OF OUR FAMILY! BUT MY TWIN IS THE RUTHLESS ONE! BEG ME TO LEAVE--OR HE WILL ANNIHILATE EVERY MAN DARING TO LEAVE THE GROUND!
KNIGHTS OF THE GALAXY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SUCH A THREAT?
CHOOSE THE BEST OF US FOR A MISSION OF THIS MAGNITUDE!
BUT--THIS MISSION IS MINE... IT IS MY TURN!
SUDDENLY--A LOVELY FAMILIAR FACE APPEARS ON THE TELESCREEN...
FATHER! KORVO HAS CAPTURED MY SPACESTER! I AM HIS PRISONER!
YOU ARE HELPLESS TO RESIST ME, COMMANDER! ESPECIALLY NOW! YOU WILL OF COURSE RELEASE MY BROTHER IMMEDIATELY! WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?
SPACE

LYLE! YOUR MISSION IS TO CAPTURE CAPT. KORVO, RESTORE SPACE TRAVEL AND--AND FREE MY DAUGHTER! I HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL SUCCEED!
THANK YOU, COMMANDER! I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!


INTO HIS SPECIALLY-DESIGNED FIGHTER ROCKET RACES THE YOUNG KNIGHT AND...
GOOD LUCK!


THUNDERING PAST THE GRAVITY BELT OF PLANETOID GALA, AND FLASHING INTO SPACE, LYLE IS CONFRONTED WITH A WEIRD SPECTACLE ...
THE WRECKAGE OF THE DESTROYED SHIPS... DOOMED TO CIRCLE ENDLESSLY IN SPACE!


WITHIN THE FIGHTER ROCKET, THE ALERT PILOT SURVEYS THE VAST AREA AHEAD THROUGH A MICROGLASS WINDSHIELD...
I CAN EXPECT AN ATTACK FROM CAPT. KORVO ANY MOMENT NOW!

SUDDENLY, FROM OUTER SPACE, A TITANIC OBJECT HURTLES TOWARD THE KNIGHT'S ROCKET WITH A BLINDING GLARE...
A PYRO-SPHERE! COLLISION WOULD MEAN FLAMING ANNIHILATION! I'VE GOT TO DIVERT IT!

SWIFTLY, LYLE FIRES AN AUXILIARY ROCKET FROM INSIDE THE NEST OF ROCKETS IN HIS SHIP...
THE AUXILIARY ROCKET DREW OFF THE PYRO-SPHERE! GREAT JUPITER! THE PYRO-SPHERE DIVIDED ITSELF-- THE OTHER HALF IS STILL IN MY PATH!
FIRING HIS LAST REMAINING DECOY ROCKET, THE QUICK-THINKING APPRENTICE KNIGHT ESCAPES A BLAZING FINISH...
THERE'S THE LAST OF THE PYRO-SPHERE-- AND THE LAST OF MY DECOY ROCKETS!
I'LL USE THE ATOMETER TO TRACE THE ATOMIC ASH RESIDUE OF THE PYRO-SPHERES! IN THAT WAY, I SHOULD DISCOVER WHERE THEY WERE FIRED FROM!
SWIFT AS LIGHT SPEEDS LYLE'S FIGHTER ROCKET ON A HUNT THROUGH THE COLD CORRIDORS OF SPACE UNTIL...
I'VE BEEN CAUGHT BY A COSMIC WHIRLPOOL!

ANTI-MAGNETIC DISCHARGES CANNOT COUNTERACT THE ROCKET'S DESCENT!
WELCOME TO YOUR DOOM, GALAXY KNIGHT!
IT'S KORVO! HE'S CUT INTO MY TELEPHOTO SCREEN!
ALTHOUGH SEPARATED BY A CURTAIN OF SPACE, INTREPID KNIGHT AND RUTHLESS SPACE PIRATE EACH EACH OTHER ON THE TELEPHOTO SCREEN...
YOU'VE BEEN PIN-POINTED ON MY STELLARCHARTS EVER SINCE YOU PASSED THROUGH GALA'S GRAVITY BELT! YOU'VE ESCAPED DESTRUCTION SO FAR! BUT HERE'S SOMEONE WHO'LL GUARANTEE YOUR DOOM!
HE MEANS YOU WON'T FIRE AT US BECAUSE I'M HERE! LEAVING HIM FREE TO BLAST YOU AT WILL!
STOPPING THIS EVIL FORCE IS ALL THAT MATTERS, LYLE! I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO ALLOW MY SAFETY TO INTERFERE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR DUTY!
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE DAUGHTER OF MY COMMANDER! I WILL FOLLOW YOUR WISH IN THIS MATTER, ORA! FAREWELL!
AS KORVO FIRES CHAIN-REACTION BLASTS AT THE FIGHTER ROCKET...
HO, HO! HE IS FLEEING! I KNEW HE WOULDN'T RETURN MY FIRE AS LONG AS YOU WERE ABOARD! HIS ANNIHILATION IS CERTAIN!

WHILE THE SPACE PIRATE'S ATTENTION IS FIXED ON LYLE'S FIGHTER ROCKET WHICH VAINLY SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID HIS FIRE...

WHILE KORVO'S ATTENTION IS CENTERED ON MY SHIP, CONTROLLED BY AUTOMATIC PILOT, I'LL ESCAPE VIA A TORPEDO EJECT BLAST!

OBSCURED BY THE EXPLOSION OF HIS SHIP, THE DAUNTLESS KNIGHT HURTLES ACROSS THE FATHOMLESS DEPTHS OF SPACE....

MY MAGNETIC BOOTS WILL FASTEN ME TO KORVO'S SHIP LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ENTER THROUGH A HATCHWAY--IF HE DOESN'T SEE ME FIRST!

SWIFTLY ENTERING A HATCHWAY UNOBSERVED...

HE'S GONE! JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! NO SHIP CAN WITHSTAND MY BROTHER'S SOLAR CHAIN REACTOR, WHICH TRANSFORMS THE COSMIC ELEMENTS THEMSELVES INTO SELF-DESTRUCTIVE UNITS!

WARNED BY THE METALLIC CLANG OF LYLE'S MAGNETIC BOOTS STRIKING THE HATCH CHAIN...

YOU--!

I CAN'T CHANCE FIRING AT HIM YET--I MIGHT HIT ORA!

SPACE PIRATE AND GALAXY KNIGHT ARE BOTH UNEXPECTEDLY DISARMED BY SIMULTANEOUS RAY HITS WHICH WHIPLASH THEIR RAY GUNS FROM THEM...

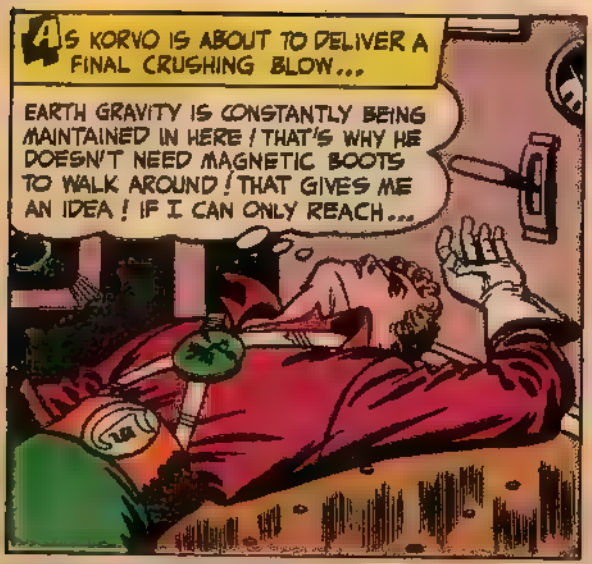
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY TO DIE--

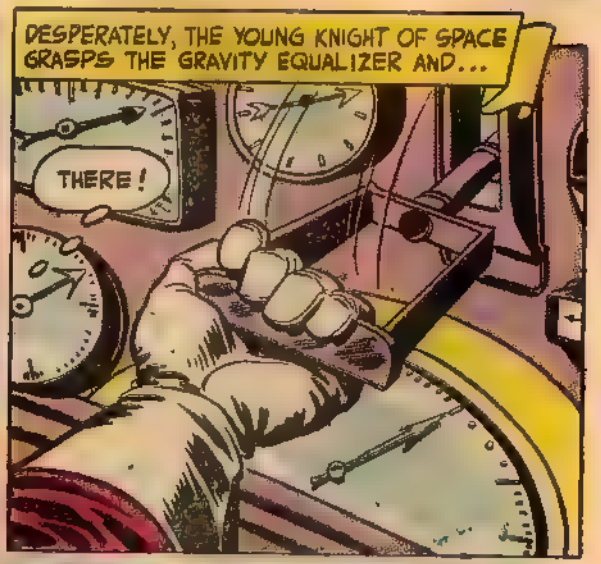
MY GUN--

DISARMED, THE DUELISTS REVERT TO PRIMITIVE WEAPONS FOR THE 30TH CENTURY--FISTS!...

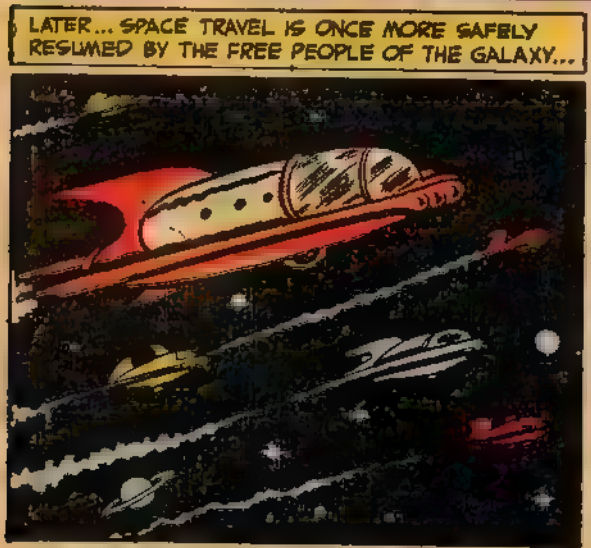
YOUR MAGNETIC BOOTS WILL IMPEDE YOUR MOVEMENTS IN HERE LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO KILL YOU!

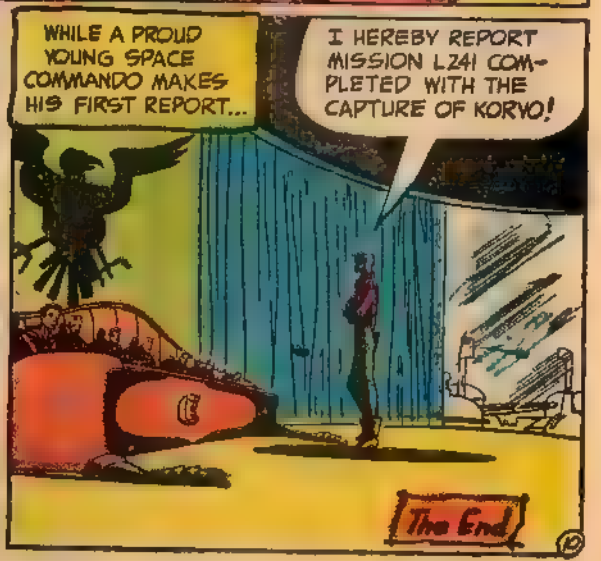
THOSE IRON GLOVES.. ON HIS FISTS...WILL DO IT...UNLESS--


AS KORVO IS ABOUT TO DELIVER A FINAL CRUSHING BLOW...
EARTH GRAVITY IS CONSTANTLY BEING MAINTAINED IN HERE! THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T NEED MAGNETIC BOOTS TO WALK AROUND! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! IF I CAN ONLY REACH...


DESPERATELY, THE YOUNG KNIGHT OF SPACE GRASPS THE GRAVITY EQUALIZER AND...
THERE!

WITH EARTH GRAVITY NO LONGER BEING MAINTAINED, KORVO BECOMES WEIGHTLESS IN A FREE ORBIT RESTRAINED NEITHER BY STRAPS NOR MAGNETIC BOOTS...
HELP! HELP! I SURRENDER!


LATER... SPACE TRAVEL IS ONCE MORE SAFELY RESUMED BY THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE GALAXY...


WHILE A PROUD YOUNG SPACE COMMANDO MAKES HIS FIRST REPORT...
I HEREBY REPORT MISSION L241 COMPLETED WITH THE CAPTURE OF KORVO!
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HELP! GUARDS! HE'S MAD!
MR. FRANK STRUTHERS
IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU! YOU TOO—JUST LIKE FRANK STRUTHERS—COULD WAKE UP ONE MORNING TO FIND THAT A STRANGER HAD TAKEN YOUR PLACE! BUT WHERE HAD THE MYSTERIOUS INTRUDER COME FROM? WHO WAS HE? AND WHY DID NO ONE RECOGNIZE YOU? FOLLOW A STARTLING MYSTERY TO A BREATH-TAKING REVELATION!
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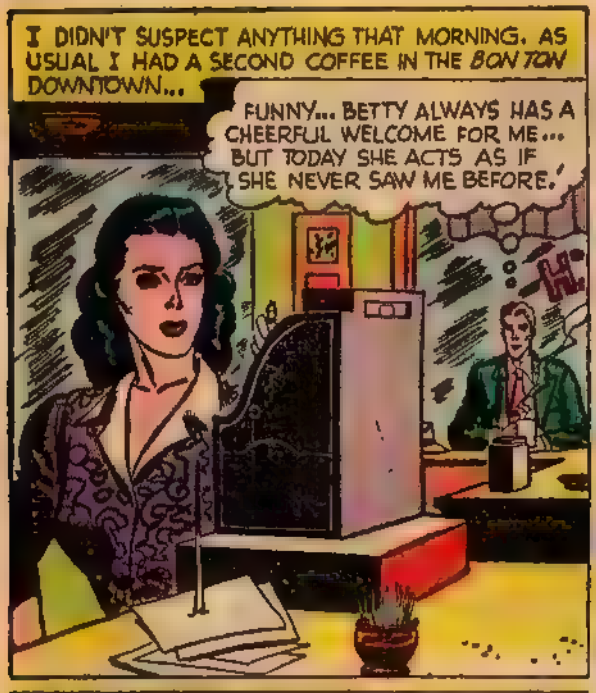
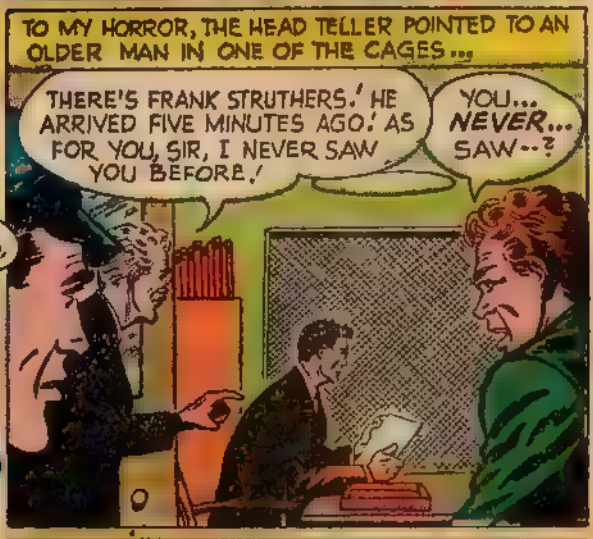
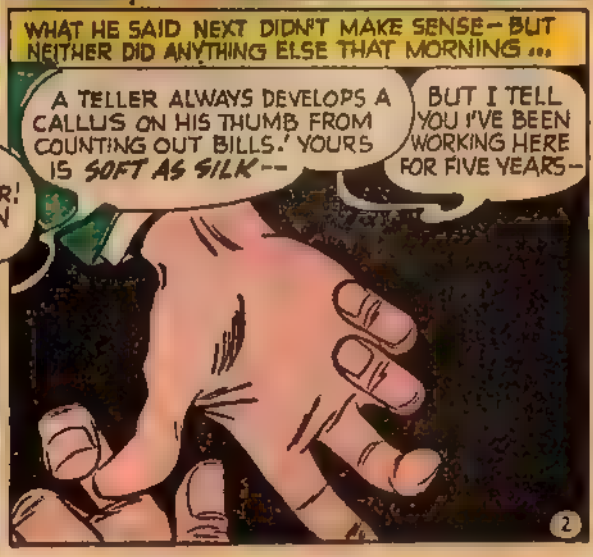

I DIDN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING THAT MORNING. AS USUAL I HAD A SECOND COFFEE IN THE BON TON DOWNTOWN...
FUNNY... BETTY ALWAYS HAS A CHEERFUL WELCOME FOR ME... BUT TODAY SHE ACTS AS IF SHE NEVER SAW ME BEFORE.!

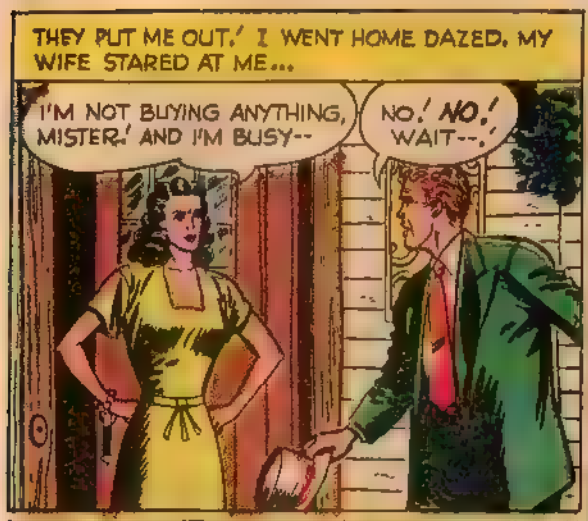
THE FIRST SHOCK CAME AT THE BANK WHERE I'D BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS...
NOT NINE YET, MISTER.! ONLY EMPLOYEES ALLOWED IN...
WHAT? I'M FRANK STRUTHERS--THE TELLER! YOU KNOW ME, HARRY WILSON.!

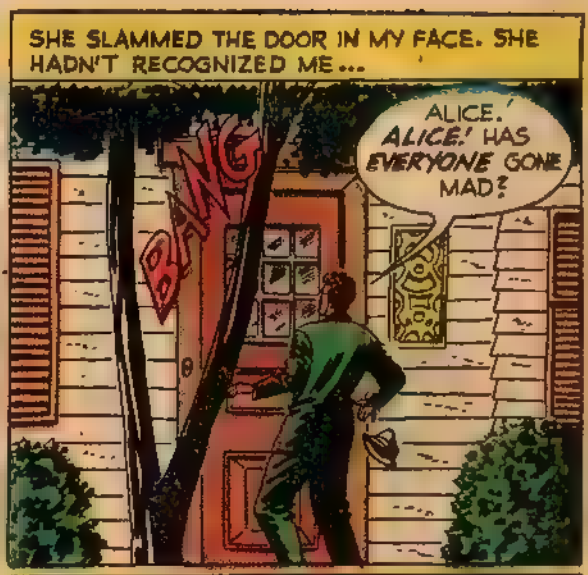
THE GUARD DENIED EVER SEEING ME.! I WAS DUMBFOUNDED--INSISTED THAT HE TAKE ME TO MR. CUMMINGS, THE HEAD TELLER...
PLEASE TELL THIS GUARD I'M FRANK STRUTHERS, MR. CUMMINGS.! HIS MEMORY MUST BE SLIPPING.!
IS THIS A JOKE?

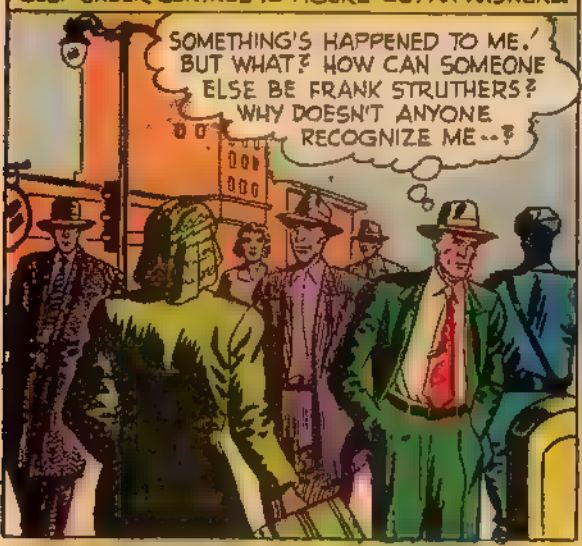

TO MY HORROR, THE HEAD TELLER POINTED TO AN OLDER MAN IN ONE OF THE CAGES...
THERE'S FRANK STRUTHERS.! HE ARRIVED FIVE MINUTES AGO.! AS FOR YOU, SIR, I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE.!
YOU... NEVER... SAW--?

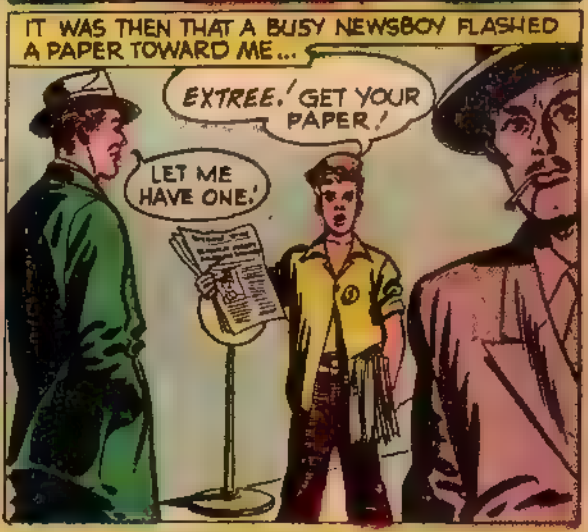
THE WALLS REELED AROUND ME.! CUMMINGS LIFTED UP MY RIGHT HAND...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT OVER! YOU'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN A TELLER IN ANY BANK.!

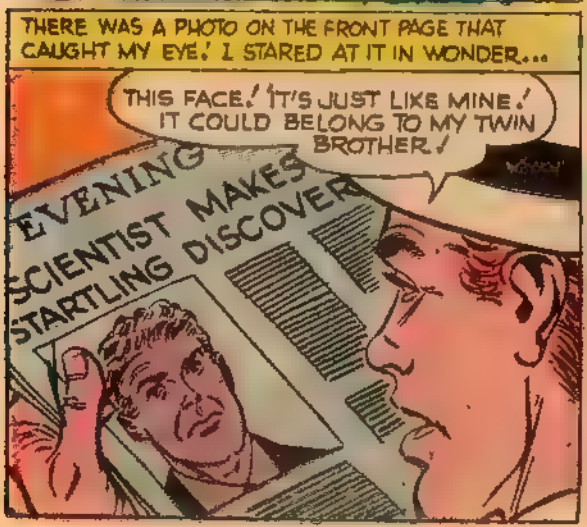

WHAT HE SAID NEXT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE--BUT NEITHER DID ANYTHING ELSE THAT MORNING...
A TELLER ALWAYS DEVELOPS A CALLUS ON HIS THUMB FROM COUNTING OUT BILLS.! YOURS IS SOFT AS SILK--
BUT I TELL YOU I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR FIVE YEARS--


THEY PUT ME OUT.' I WENT HOME DAZED. MY WIFE STARED AT ME...
I'M NOT BUYING ANYTHING, MISTER.' AND I'M BUSY--
NO.' NO.' WAIT--.'


SHE SLAMMED THE DOOR IN MY FACE. SHE HADN'T RECOGNIZED ME...
BANG
ALICE.' ALICE.' HAS EVERYONE GONE MAD?


I WALKED DOWN THE STREET, TRYING TO KEEP MYSELF UNDER CONTROL TO FIGURE OUT AN ANSWER...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO ME.' BUT WHAT? HOW CAN SOMEONE ELSE BE FRANK STRUTHERS? WHY DOESN'T ANYONE RECOGNIZE ME--?


IT WAS THEN THAT A BUSY NEWSBOY FLASHED A PAPER TOWARD ME...
EXTREE.' GET YOUR PAPER!
LET ME HAVE ONE.'


THERE WAS A PHOTO ON THE FRONT PAGE THAT CAUGHT MY EYE.' I STARED AT IT IN WONDER...
THIS FACE.' IT'S JUST LIKE MINE.' IT COULD BELONG TO MY TWIN BROTHER.'
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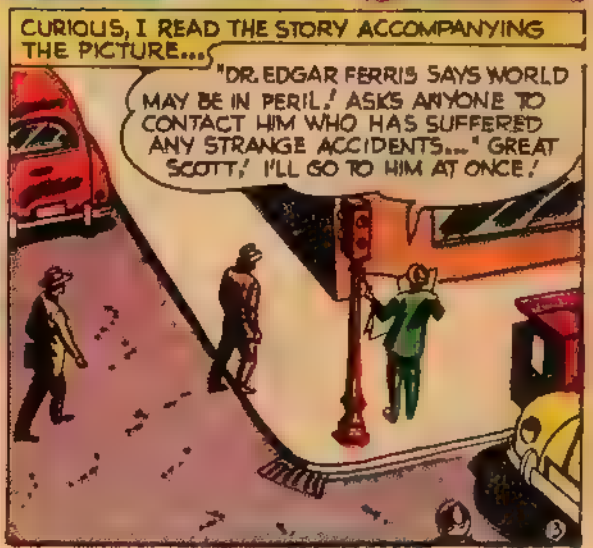
SCIENTIST MAKES
STARTLING DISCOVER


CURIOUS, I READ THE STORY ACCOMPANYING THE PICTURE...
"DR. EDGAR FERRIS SAYS WORLD MAY BE IN PERIL.' ASKS ANYONE TO CONTACT HIM WHO HAS SUFFERED ANY STRANGE ACCIDENTS..." GREAT SCOTT.' I'LL GO TO HIM AT ONCE!

I TOOK A PLANE. THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE NEWSPAPER WAS IN NEW YORK, 800 MILES AWAY...
IF ONLY DR. FERRIS CAN TELL ME WHO I AM.' HE'S MY ONLY HOPE NOW...
BUT AT THE SCIENTIST'S LABORATORY IN NEW YORK...
SORRY.' DR. FERRIS' ANNOUNCEMENT WAS AN ERROR.' HE'S WITHDRAWN IT.'
BUT I MUST SEE HIM.'
DESPERATELY, I PLUNGED PAST THE GIRL AND THROUGH A DOORWAY...
IT'S DR. FERRIS.' AMAZING HOW MUCH HE LOOKS LIKE ME.'
HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT ME.' WHO ARE YOU?
I TOLD HIM MY STORY, BEGGED HIM TO HELP ME... BUT INSTEAD...
GIVE ME THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL--
BUT I'M NOT MAD.' I'VE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH.'
I COULDN'T LET MYSELF BE LOCKED IN A CELL.' THEN I'D NEVER FIND OUT WHO I WAS...
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU, DR. FERRIS--BUT YOU FORCED MY HAND.'
I GOT A WILD IDEA THEN--ONE THAT WOULD GIVE ME A BREATHING SPELL...
PERFECT FIT.' HE'S MY DOUBLE--EVEN SPEAKS LIKE I DO.' I'LL IMPERSONATE HIM... MAYBE LEARN SOMETHING.'
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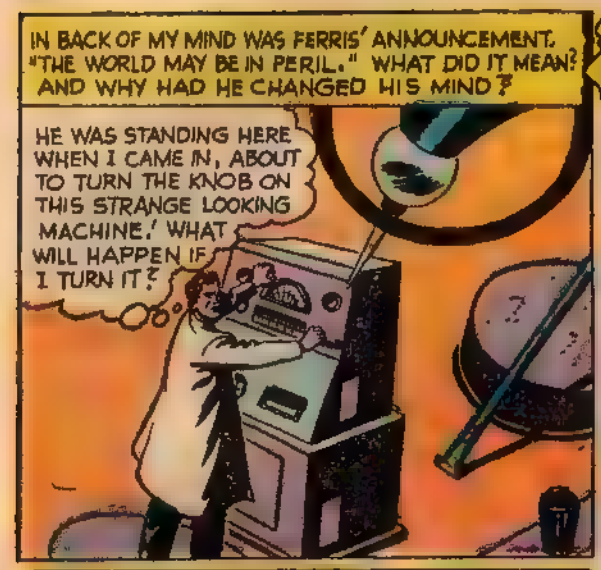
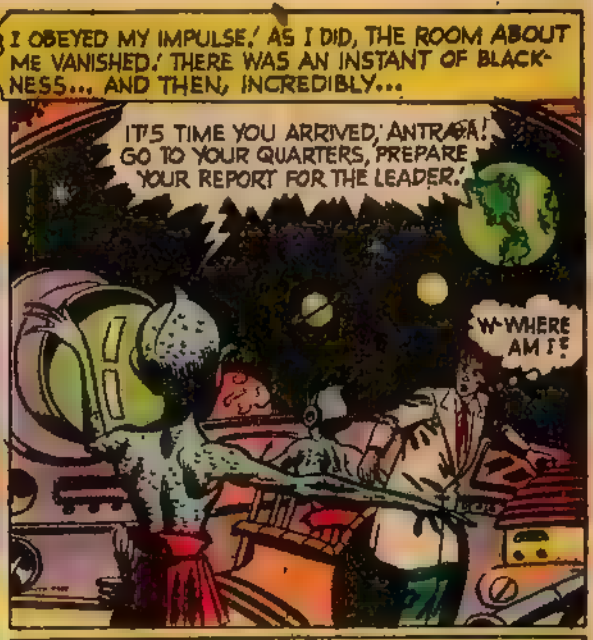
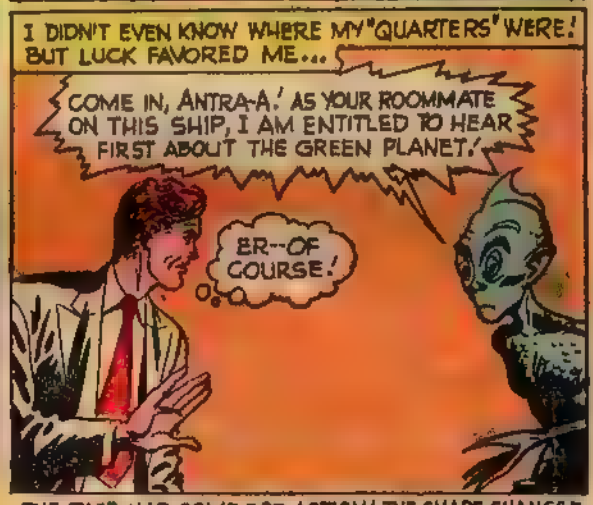
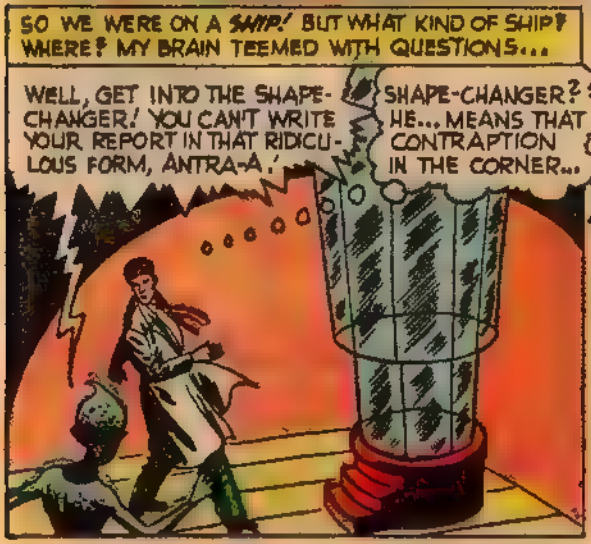
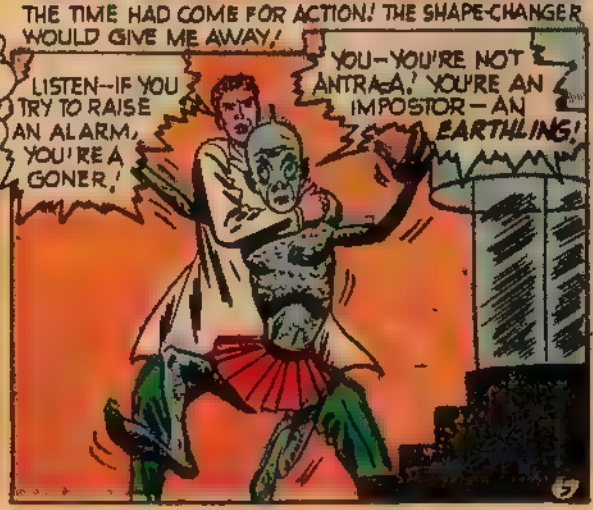

IN BACK OF MY MIND WAS FERRIS' ANNOUNCEMENT. "THE WORLD MAY BE IN PERIL." WHAT DID IT MEAN? AND WHY HAD HE CHANGED HIS MIND?
HE WAS STANDING HERE WHEN I CAME IN, ABOUT TO TURN THE KNOB ON THIS STRANGE LOOKING MACHINE! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TURN IT?


I OBEYED MY IMPULSE! AS I DID, THE ROOM ABOUT ME VANISHED! THERE WAS AN INSTANT OF BLACKNESS... AND THEN, INCREDIBLY...
IT'S TIME YOU ARRIVED, ANTRA-A! GO TO YOUR QUARTERS, PREPARE YOUR REPORT FOR THE LEADER!
W-WHERE AM I?

I WALKED AWAY, TRYING TO KEEP MY SENSES. WHERE WAS I? WHO WERE THESE CREATURES?
THEY COMMUNICATE BY TELEPATHY! GOT TO WATCH MY STEP AND MY THOUGHTS! APPARENTLY THEY THINK I'M ONE OF THEM...


I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE MY "QUARTERS" WERE! BUT LUCK FAVORED ME...
COME IN, ANTRA-A! AS YOUR ROOMMATE ON THIS SHIP, I AM ENTITLED TO HEAR FIRST ABOUT THE GREEN PLANET!
ER--OF COURSE!


SO WE WERE ON A SHIP! BUT WHAT KIND OF SHIP? WHERE? MY BRAIN TEEMED WITH QUESTIONS...
WELL, GET INTO THE SHAPE-CHANGER! YOU CAN'T WRITE YOUR REPORT IN THAT RIDICULOUS FORM, ANTRA-A!
SHAPE-CHANGER? HE... MEANS THAT CONTRAPTION IN THE CORNER...


THE TIME HAD COME FOR ACTION! THE SHAPE-CHANGER WOULD GIVE ME AWAY!
LISTEN--IF YOU TRY TO RAISE AN ALARM, YOU'RE A GONER!
YOU--YOU'RE NOT ANTRA-A! YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR--AN EARTHLING!

HE HAD A WEAPON, A KIND OF ELECTRO-PISTOL.' I SEIZED IT AND USED IT TO MAKE HIM ANSWER QUESTIONS...
'WE ARE THE LAST SURVIVORS FROM THE STAR YOU CALL PROXIMA CENTAURI.' OURS WAS A SUPER-CIVILIZATION...
GO ON.'
"BUT ALL OUR MACHINES WERE ATOMIC. GRADUALLY OUR ATMOSPHERE BECAME HIGHLY RADIO-ACTIVE... DEADLY..."
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF US LEFT.'
HEAR ME.' WE WILL BUILD A GREAT SPACE VESSEL AND JOURNEY TO A NEW WORLD.'
"FOR MANY SUN-REVOLUTIONS OUR HUGE SHIP TRAVELED. AT LAST WE FOUND YOUR PLANET..."
"OUR LEADERS EVOLVED A PLAN OF CONQUEST. WE WOULD CONTROL EARTH BY REPLACING KEY INDIVIDUALS WITH THOSE OF OUR OWN RACE..."
OUR MIRRORSCOPE WILL DUPLICATE ANY INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANET.' ANTRA-A, YOU WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF A DR. FERRIS --WHO HAS DETECTED THE PRESENCE OF OUR SHIP HERE IN THE IONOSPHERE HE IS EVEN NOW ATTEMPTING TO WARN THIS PLANET OF ITS PERIL.'
IT IS PERFECT.' BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY INHABITANTS FOR US TO RULE AT ONCE.' WE MUST USE OUR SUPERIOR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE.'
"OTHER SUPER-MACHINES TOOK CARE OF THE EARTHMEN WHO WERE BEING REPLACED..."
LET'S SEE, WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN DR. FERRIS ANOTHER EARTHMAN'S LIFE-MEMORY PATTERN. NOW GIVE GENERAL AMES THE LIFE-MEMORY PATTERN OF HORACE PURDY, CLERK IN A GROCERY STORE IN CHICAGO.
THE TELEPORTER IS READY TO TRANSPORT THE GENERAL TO CHICAGO, EXCELLENCY.'

"IN THIS WAY WE AVOIDED LIFE-TAKINGS WHICH MIGHT HAVE AROUSED SUSPICION.' BUT I WARN YOU, EARTHMAN..."
'OUR RACE WILL RULE YOUR WORLD.' NOTHING CAN STOP US.' OBEY US--AND LIVE.'
'I'D RATHER FIGHT YOU AND DIE.'
SUDDENLY, HE GRABBED A PISTOL FROM A BELT HANGING ON THE WALL.' BUT I WAS ALERT...
SSSS
YOU'LL DIE NOW... UHHH...
IT WAS EITHER YOU OR ME, CENTAURI--
I SLIPPED OUT OF THE ROOM, AND CLOSED THE DOOR BEHIND ME. VAGUELY, I HAD A PLAN...
AT ANY COST, I MUST EXPOSE THE CENTAURIANS BEFORE THEY CAN FINISH ME OFF --WARN EARTH ABOUT THEM AND THIS SPACE SHIP.'
I MANAGED TO REACH THE CONTROL ROOM WITHOUT BEING STOPPED. IT WAS WHERE I HAD FIRST APPEARED...
ANTRA-A.' WHY ARE YOU STILL IN THAT SHAPE?
ANOTHER MOMENT... ALL I NEED IS ONE MOMENT MORE...
I HAD NOTICED BEFORE THAT THE CONTROL ROOM COULD BE SEALED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE SHIP.' NOW--WITH ONE SPRING...
SO FAR SO GOOD.' BUT THEY'RE ON TO ME.'
HIS THOUGHT-PATTERN.' HE IS AN ENEMY.' SLAY HIM, OCTRO!
ICK!
ELECTRO PISTOLS FLASHED... BUT MINE WAS AMONG THEM.
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TOOK THEM BY SURPRISE... SLOWED DOWN THEIR REFLEXES... JUST ENOUGH.' BUT I HAVEN'T WON YET...
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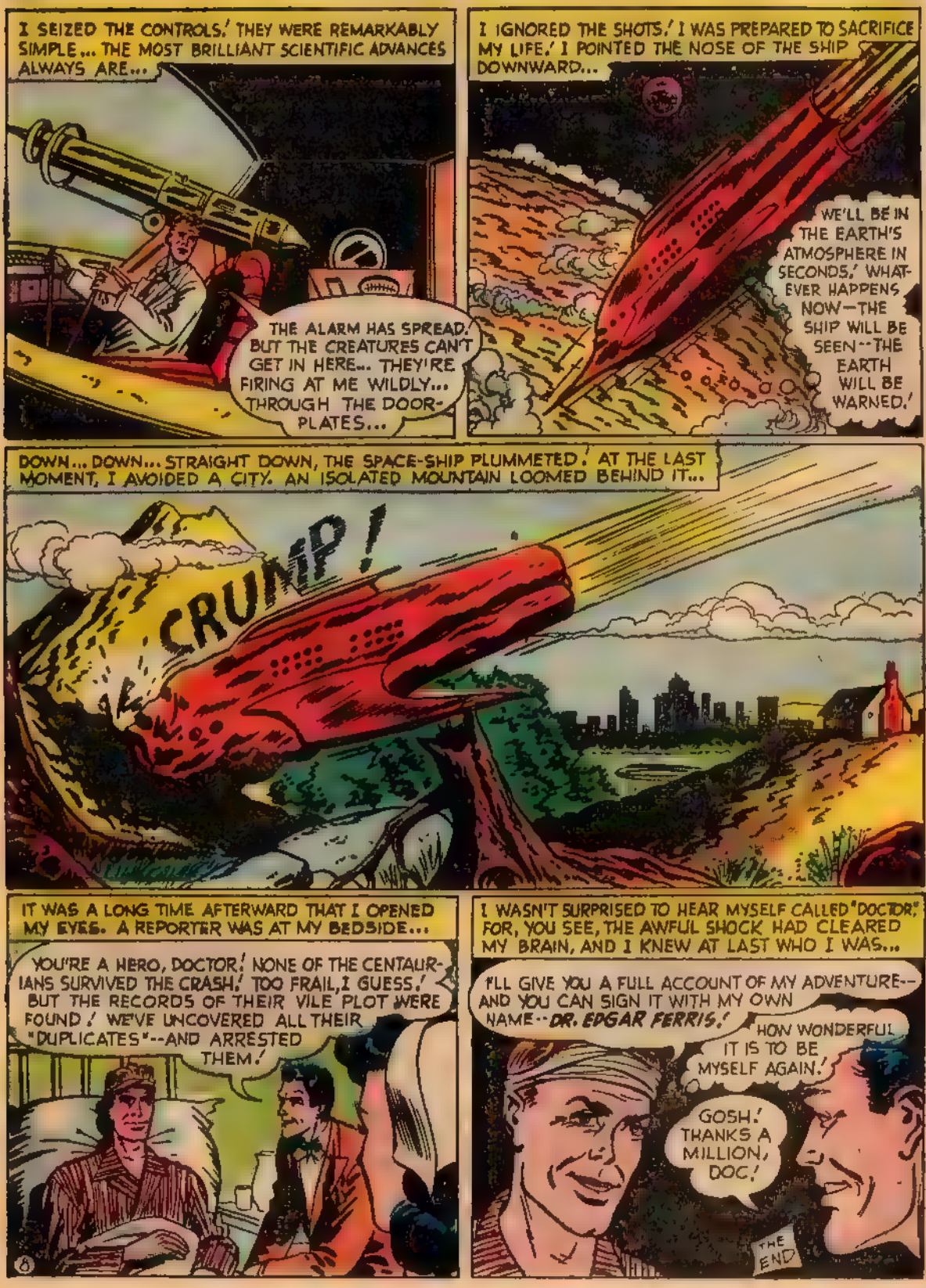
I SEIZED THE CONTROLS.' THEY WERE REMARKABLY SIMPLE... THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES ALWAYS ARE...
THE ALARM HAS SPREAD.' BUT THE CREATURES CAN'T GET IN HERE... THEY'RE FIRING AT ME WILDLY... THROUGH THE DOOR-PLATES...
I IGNORED THE SHOTS.' I WAS PREPARED TO SACRIFICE MY LIFE.' I POINTED THE NOSE OF THE SHIP DOWNWARD...
WE'LL BE IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN SECONDS.' WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW—THE SHIP WILL BE SEEN--THE EARTH WILL BE WARNED.'
DOWN... DOWN... STRAIGHT DOWN, THE SPACE-SHIP PLUMMETED.' AT THE LAST MOMENT, I AVOIDED A CITY. AN ISOLATED MOUNTAIN LOOMED BEHIND IT...
CRUMP!
IT WAS A LONG TIME AFTERWARD THAT I OPENED MY EYES. A REPORTER WAS AT MY BEDSIDE...
YOU'RE A HERO, DOCTOR! NONE OF THE CENTAURIANS SURVIVED THE CRASH.' TOO FRAIL, I GUESS.' BUT THE RECORDS OF THEIR VILE PLOT WERE FOUND.' WE'VE UNCOVERED ALL THEIR "DUPLICATES"--AND ARRESTED THEM.'
I WASN'T SURPRISED TO HEAR MYSELF CALLED "DOCTOR," FOR, YOU SEE, THE AWFUL SHOCK HAD CLEARED MY BRAIN, AND I KNEW AT LAST WHO I WAS...
I'LL GIVE YOU A FULL ACCOUNT OF MY ADVENTURE--AND YOU CAN SIGN IT WITH MY OWN NAME--DR. EDGAR FERRIS.'
HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO BE MYSELF AGAIN.'
GOSH.' THANKS A MILLION, DOC.'
THE END

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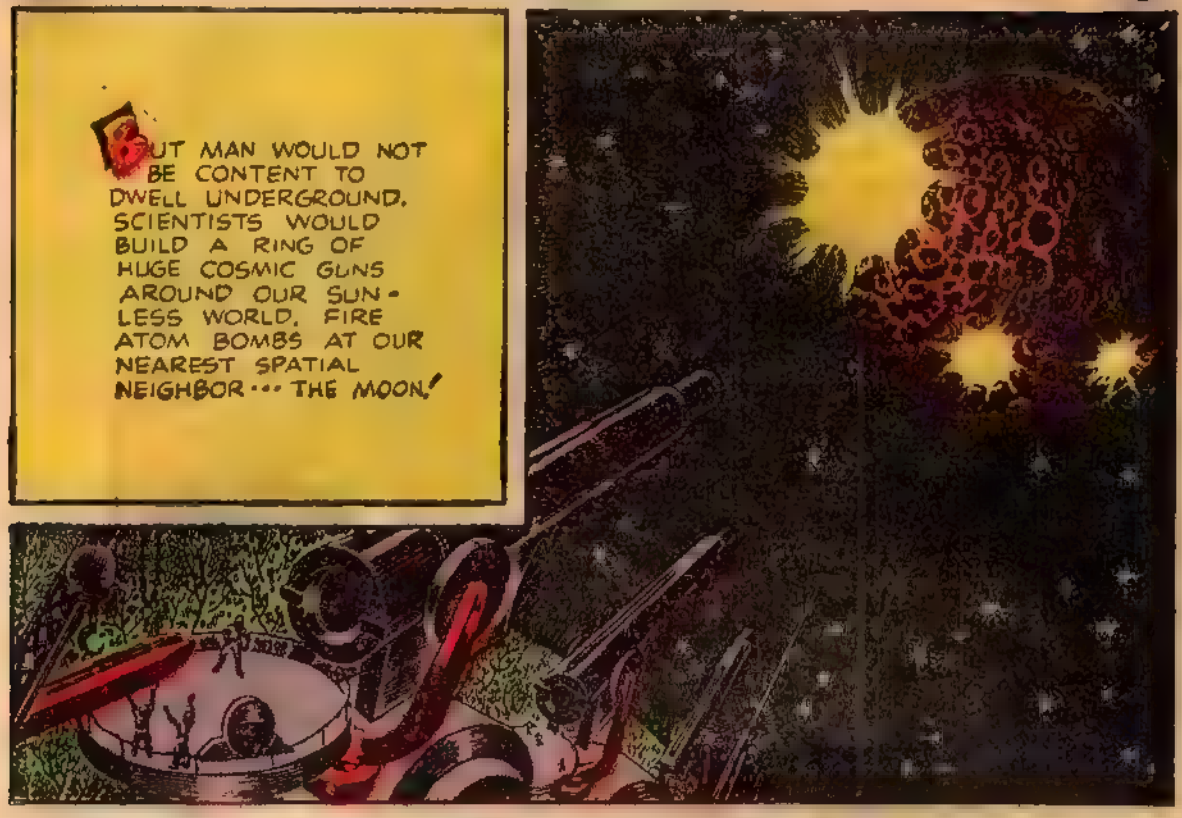
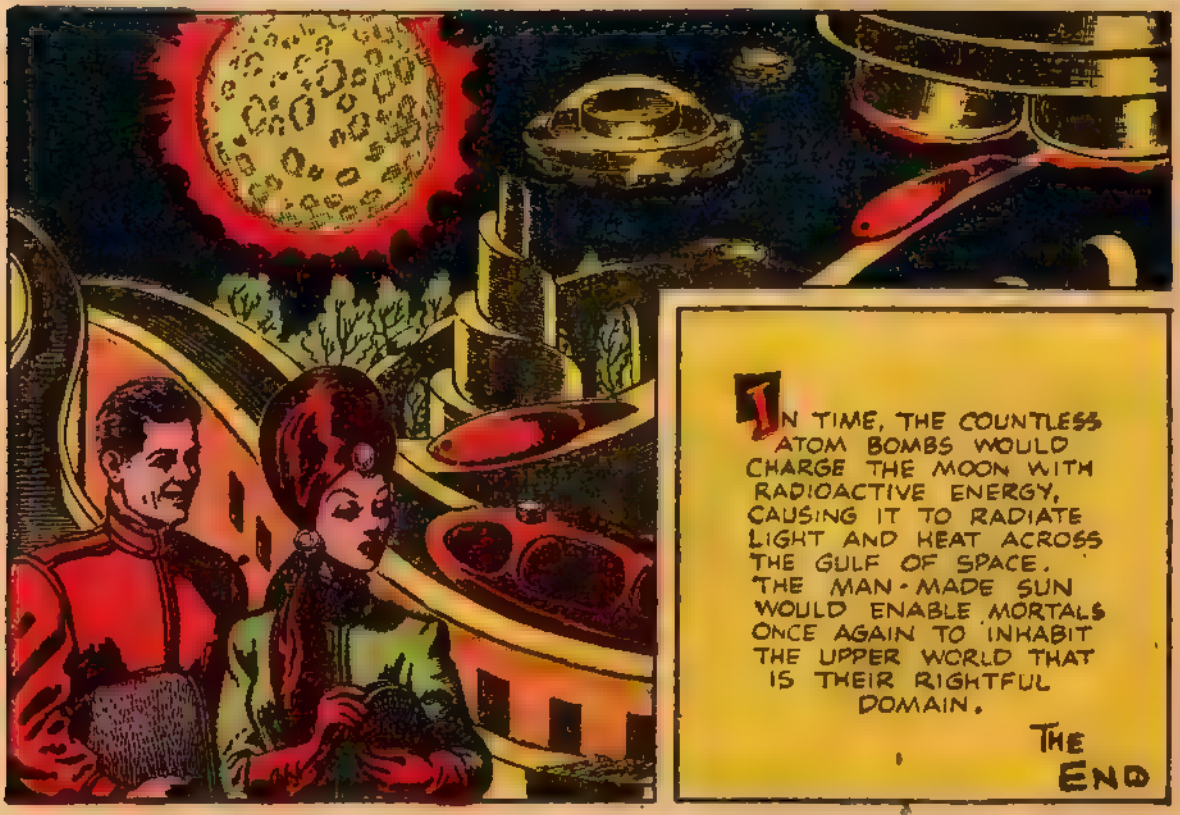
SOME FUTURE DAY OUR SUN WILL BURN ITSELF OUT AND THE ONCE-BLAZING SOLAR ORB WILL BECOME A COLD, DEAD STAR. THE EARTH WILL BEGIN TO FREEZE AND GIANT GLACIERS WILL SWEEP THE CONTINENTS!

MAN'S INSTINCT FOR SELF-PRESERVATION WILL SEND HIM BURROWING MILES BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE, TO LIVE IN SUBTERRANEAN CAVERNS. WIZARD ENGINEERS WOULD SINK SHAFTS DEEP INTO THE WORLDS CORE, TAP THE HEAT FROM THE EARTH'S INTERNAL FIRES. PLANT LIFE WOULD BE NOURISHED BY GIANT ARTIFICIAL SUN LAMPS.

BUT MAN WOULD NOT BE CONTENT TO DWELL UNDERGROUND. SCIENTISTS WOULD BUILD A RING OF HUGE COSMIC GUNS AROUND OUR SUNLESS WORLD, FIRE ATOM BOMBS AT OUR NEAREST SPATIAL NEIGHBOR··· THE MOON!





IN TIME, THE COUNTLESS ATOM BOMBS WOULD CHARGE THE MOON WITH RADIOACTIVE ENERGY, CAUSING IT TO RADIATE LIGHT AND HEAT ACROSS THE GULF OF SPACE. THE MAN-MADE SUN WOULD ENABLE MORTALS ONCE AGAIN TO INHABIT THE UPPER WORLD THAT IS THEIR RIGHTFUL DOMAIN.

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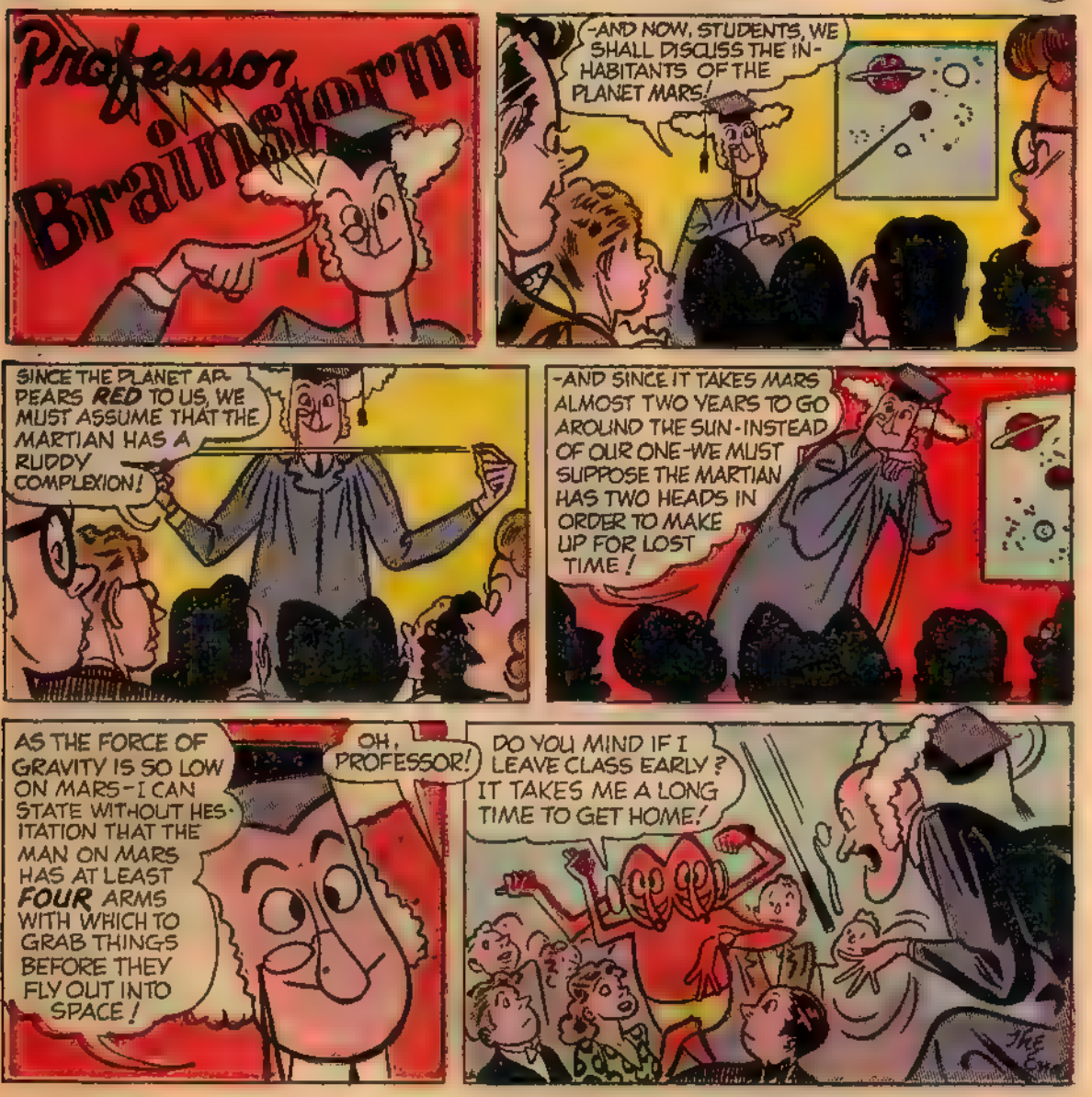
Professor Brainstorm
-AND NOW, STUDENTS, WE SHALL DISCUSS THE INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET MARS!
SINCE THE PLANET APPEARS RED TO US, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE MARTIAN HAS A RUDDY COMPLEXION!
-AND SINCE IT TAKES MARS ALMOST TWO YEARS TO GO AROUND THE SUN-INSTEAD OF OUR ONE-WE MUST SUPPOSE THE MARTIAN HAS TWO HEADS IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!
AS THE FORCE OF GRAVITY IS SO LOW ON MARS-I CAN STATE WITHOUT HESITATION THAT THE MAN ON MARS HAS AT LEAST FOUR ARMS WITH WHICH TO GRAB THINGS BEFORE THEY FLY OUT INTO SPACE!
OH, PROFESSOR!
DO YOU MIND IF I LEAVE CLASS EARLY? IT TAKES ME A LONG TIME TO GET HOME!

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SPORES FROM SPACE!

STORY BY GARDNER F. FOX

WHAT WERE THE GLOWING SPHERES THAT RAINED DOWN ON EARTH FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUTER SPACE ? THEY LANDED ON PLOWED FIELDS AND CITY STREETS AND WHERE THEY FELL THE AIR FOR MILES AROUND GREW **COLD!** WHERE DID THE DEADLY SPORES COME FROM ? AND COULD THE HUMAN RACE SOLVE THEIR GRIM SECRET BEFORE IT WAS -- TOO LATE ?

JIM HUSTON, YOUNG ASTROPHYSICIST AT NORTHERN UNIVERSITY, ALWAYS SPENT HIS SUMMER VACATION HUNTING GAME IN THE DAKOTA BLACK HILLS...

WHAT A SET-UP! I CAN'T MISS AT--SAY! THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY QUEER ABOUT THAT ELK! HE'S LOOKING STRAIGHT AT ME--AND MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE!

AS THE PUZZLED HUNTER CAUTIOUSLY APPROACHED THE ELK...

GREAT THUNDER! HE'S DEAD--FROZEN TO DEATH IN MID-SUMMER!

FIRED BY HIS SUDDEN THOUGHT, JIM THRUST HIS RIFLE BARREL IN AT THE SPORE AND...

HUH? WHAT'S THIS SPORE-LIKE OBJECT? =BRRRRR= SURE IS C-COLD! I B-BET THAT'S WHAT F-FROZE THE ELK--

IT'S FANTASTIC! THE SPORE DISSOLVED THE RIFLE BARREL! ATE IT RIGHT UP! WHAT IN BLAZES IS THIS THING?

BUT JIM HUSTON'S STRANGE EXPERIENCE WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY THAT SUDDENLY PUZZLED THE ENTIRE NATION...

SHAW! TH-THAT *THING* FELL THROUGH THE CEILING ONTO MY STOVE...AND THE BOILING WATER TURNED TO ICE!

SNOW IN JULY? IT'S INCREDIBLE!

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY DRIVER? I TOOK A SWING AT THE BALL... AND IT FROZE MY DRIVER SOLID!

ALL THE DAY, AND INTO THE NIGHT, THE MYSTERIOUS SPORES SWEPT DOWN IN EVER-GREATER NUMBERS...

THE WEATHER BUREAU SAYS IT CAN'T EXPLAIN IT!

NO ONE CAN!

THE SPORES LANDED ON CITY STREETS AND PLOWED FIELDS, DROPPED GENTLY ON TREES AND WATERY SURFACES, AND WHERE THEY FELL, THE AIR GREW SUDDENLY COLD AND IT STARTED TO SNOW...

THEY SENT US HOME FROM THE OFFICE... NO HEAT...

BUT OUR HOMES ARE JUST AS COLD...

UNDERGROUND WATER MAINS FROZE AND BURST! GIANT DYNAMOS STOOD IDLE AS CITY AFTER CITY BECAME GIANT ICY GRAVEYARDS...

FAR TO THE NORTH A PLANE DRONED TOWARD A TREMENDOUS GLACIER...

THAT GLACIER IS A MILE HIGH, AND MOVING AT A MILE-AN-HOUR CLIP! IT'LL COVER THE WHOLE CONTINENT IN A FEW MONTHS!

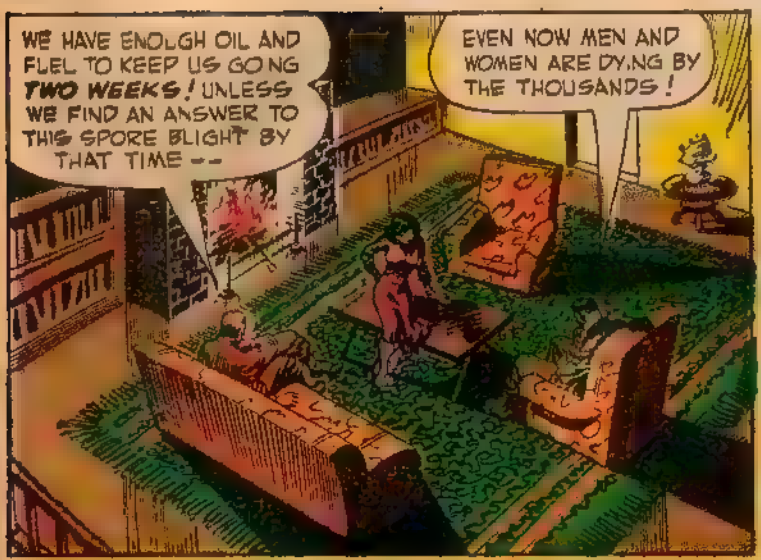
DOCTOR BRADY, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

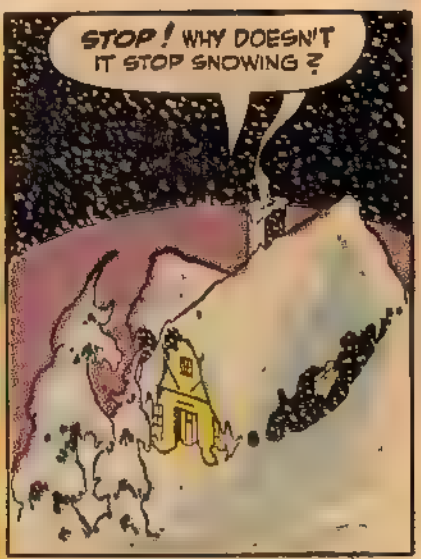
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, JIM, THE SECOND ICE AGE IS ON ITS WAY! ALL MANKIND WILL BE WIPED OUT!

SOON AFTER, JIM HUSTON'S PLANE SETTLED ON A SNOW-COVERED COLLEGE CAMPUS...

JIM--OH, DARLING--YOU'RE BACK! I WAS SO WORRIED!

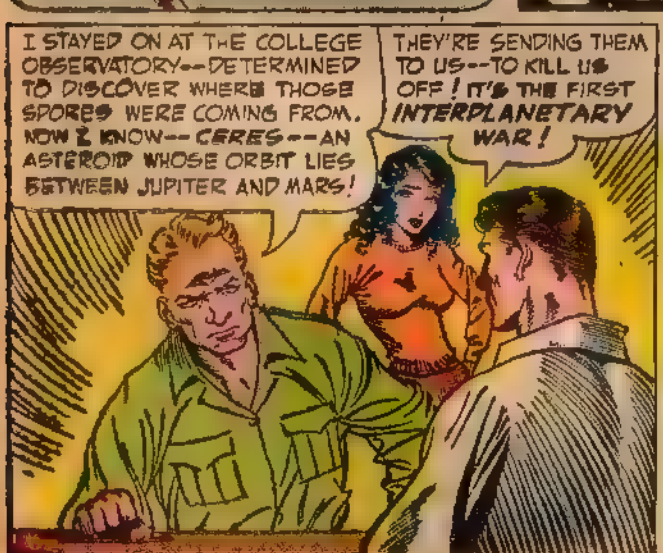
EASY, NAN! WE'LL NEED ALL OUR COURAGE TO FIGHT THIS MENACE, WHATEVER IT IS!

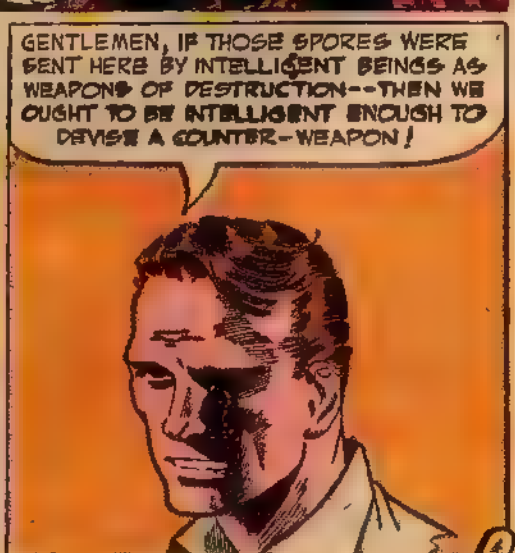

WE HAVE ENOUGH OIL AND FUEL TO KEEP US GOING TWO WEEKS! UNLESS WE FIND AN ANSWER TO THIS SPORE BLIGHT BY THAT TIME --
EVEN NOW MEN AND WOMEN ARE DYING BY THE THOUSANDS!


STOP! WHY DOESN'T IT STOP SNOWING?

"THE ARMY TRIED TO BLAST THE SPORES OUT OF EXISTENCE! BUT THEY ATE THE BOMBS AS THEY'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING ELSE THAT TOUCHES THEM!"

BRADY! HUSTON! THANK GOODNESS... I MADE IT!
IT'S PROFESSOR EDWARDS, THE ASTRONOMER!
NAN... COFFEE-- HOT COFFEE!


I STAYED ON AT THE COLLEGE OBSERVATORY--DETERMINED TO DISCOVER WHERE THOSE SPORES WERE COMING FROM. NOW I KNOW--CERES--AN ASTEROID WHOSE ORBIT LIES BETWEEN JUPITER AND MARS!
THEY'RE SENDING THEM TO US--TO KILL US OFF! IT'S THE FIRST INTERPLANETARY WAR!


GENTLEMEN, IF THOSE SPORES WERE SENT HERE BY INTELLIGENT BEINGS AS WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION--THEN WE OUGHT TO BE INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO DEVISE A COUNTER-WEAPON!
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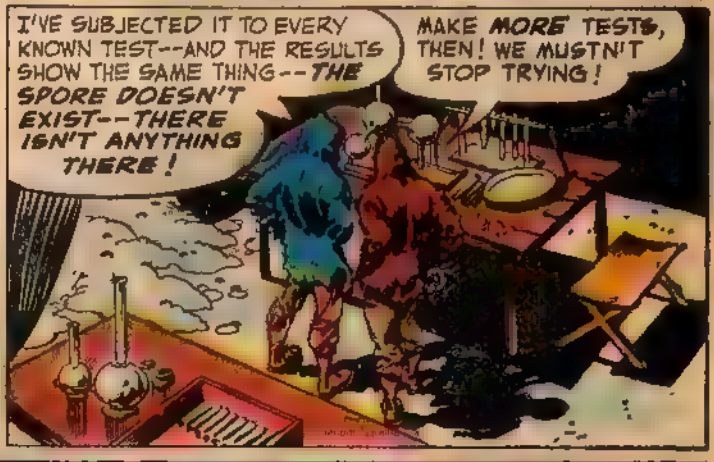
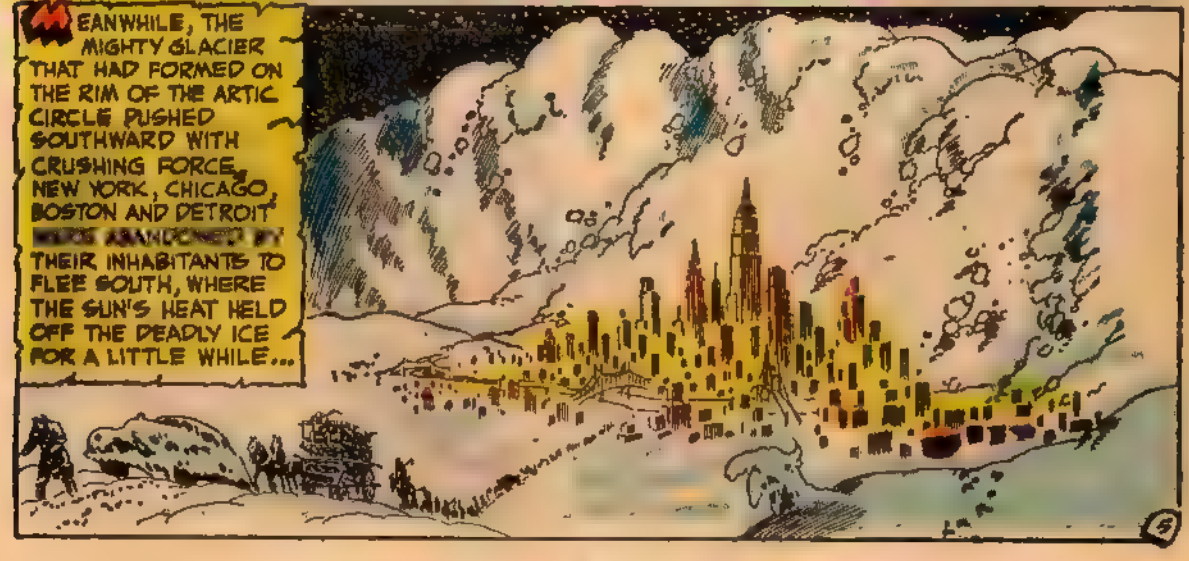
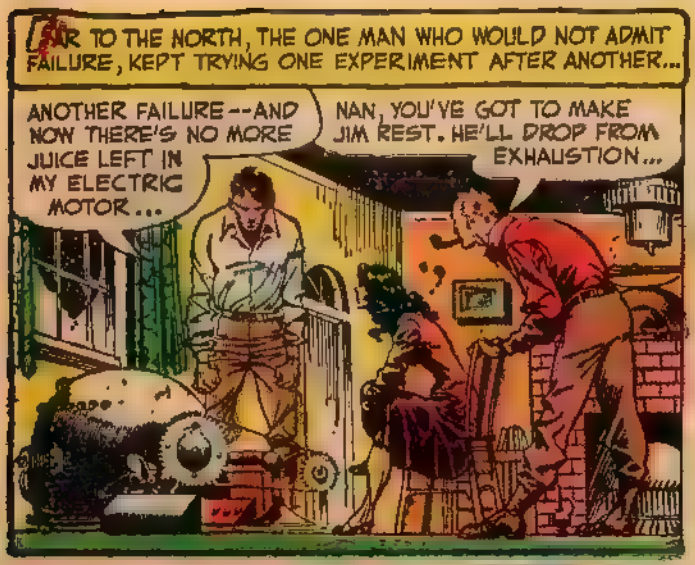
I'M GOING OUT AND FIND ONE OF THOSE SPORES! THEN WE CAN BEGIN OUR TESTS!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE TRIED TO TEST THEM AND FAILED!

AND SO, FREEZING IN THE SUB-ZERO COLD, JIM HUSTON AND DOCTOR BRADY BEGAN THEIR TESTS...


I'VE SUBJECTED IT TO EVERY KNOWN TEST--AND THE RESULTS SHOW THE SAME THING--THE SPORE DOESN'T EXIST--THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THERE!
MAKE MORE TESTS, THEN! WE MUSTN'T STOP TRYING!

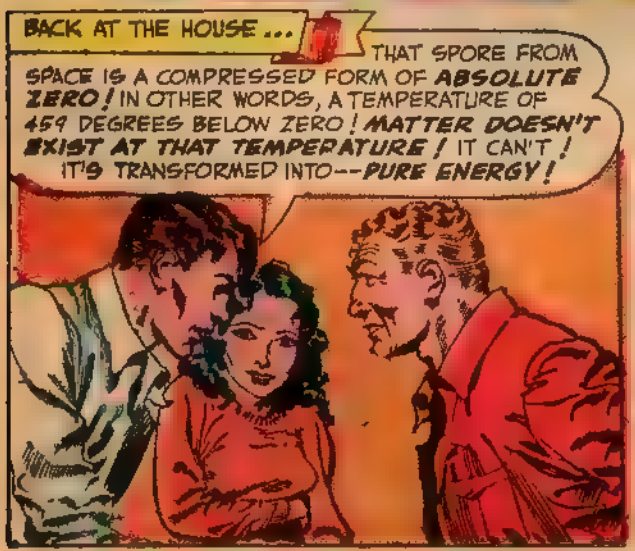

MEANWHILE, THE MIGHTY GLACIER THAT HAD FORMED ON THE RIM OF THE ARTIC CIRCLE PUSHED SOUTHWARD WITH CRUSHING FORCE. NEW YORK, CHICAGO, BOSTON AND DETROIT WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR INHABITANTS TO FLEE SOUTH, WHERE THE SUN'S HEAT HELD OFF THE DEADLY ICE FOR A LITTLE WHILE...

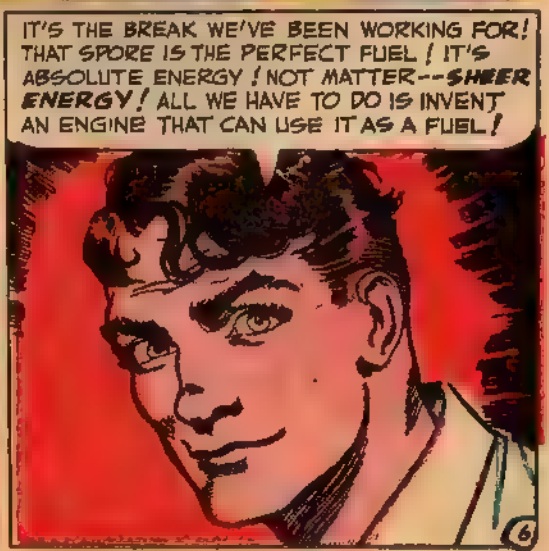

FAR TO THE NORTH, THE ONE MAN WHO WOULD NOT ADMIT FAILURE, KEPT TRYING ONE EXPERIMENT AFTER ANOTHER...
ANOTHER FAILURE--AND NOW THERE'S NO MORE JUICE LEFT IN MY ELECTRIC MOTOR...
NAN, YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE JIM REST. HE'LL DROP FROM EXHAUSTION...

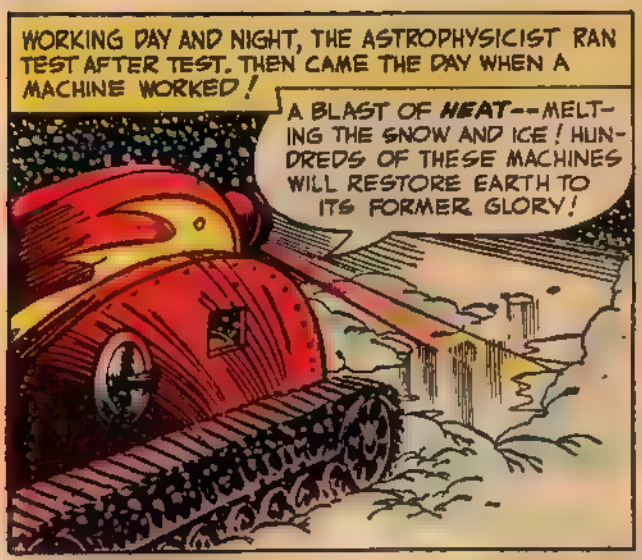
GOT TO KEEP ON WORKING! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF BEATING THIS THING...
JIM--YOU'RE DRIVING YOURSELF TO DEATH...

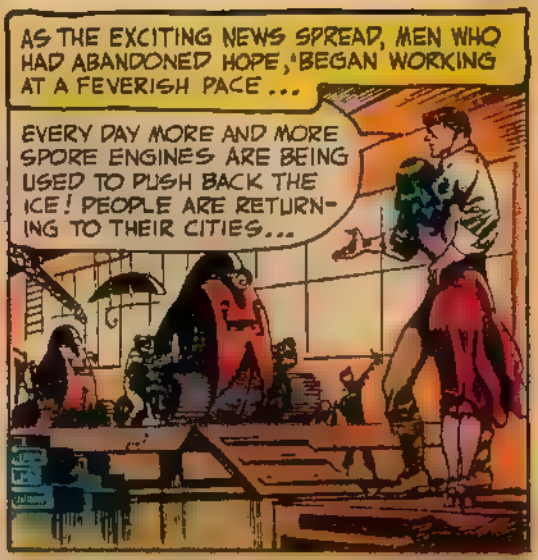
IF MY DEATH COULD SAVE MANKIND, I'D GLADLY--LOOK! THAT MOTOR! IT'S GOING! BUT--HOW CAN IT? THERE'S NO MORE POWER SOURCE!

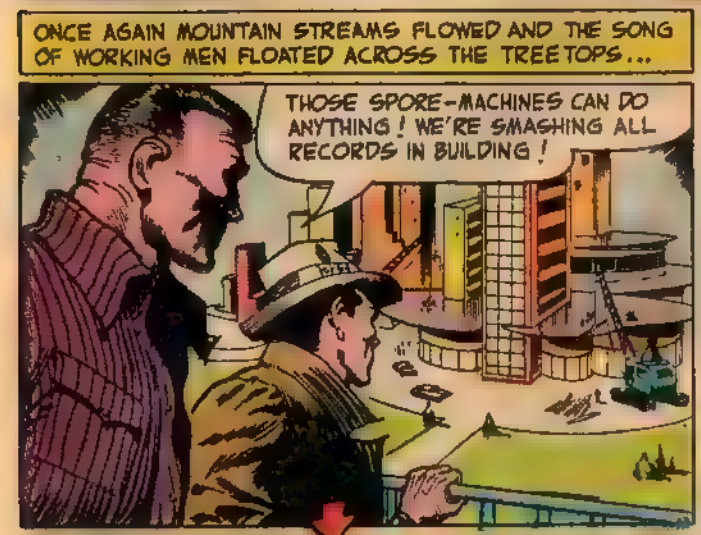
DOCTOR BRADY! NAN! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? WE'RE SAVED! SAVED!
POOR JIM! (SOB) HE'S CRACKING UP UNDER THE STRAIN!

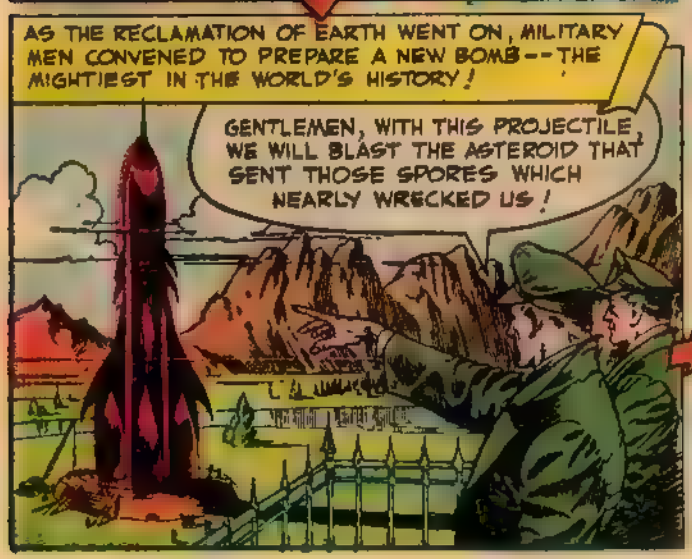

BACK AT THE HOUSE...
THAT SPORE FROM SPACE IS A COMPRESSED FORM OF ABSOLUTE ZERO! IN OTHER WORDS, A TEMPERATURE OF 459 DEGREES BELOW ZERO! MATTER DOESN'T EXIST AT THAT TEMPERATURE! IT CAN'T! IT'S TRANSFORMED INTO--PURE ENERGY!

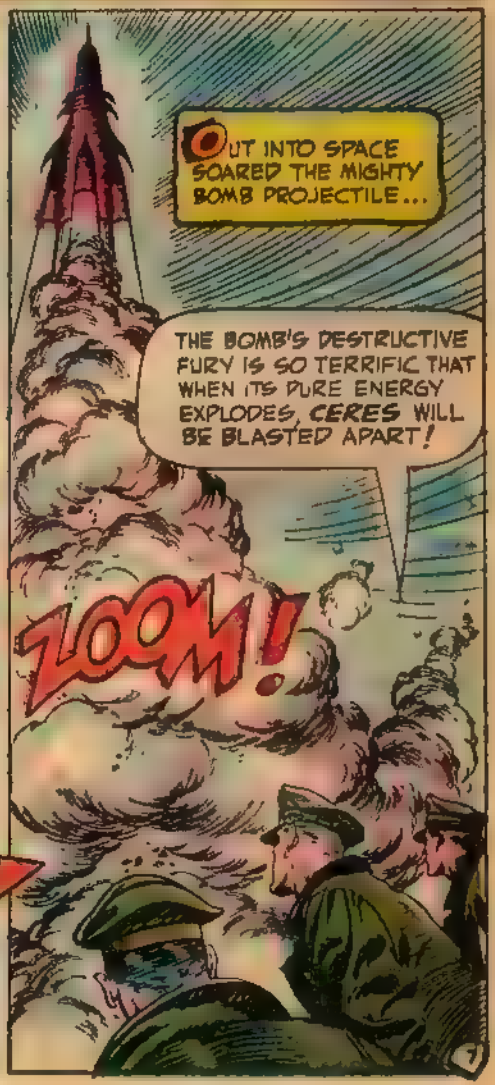

IT'S THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR! THAT SPORE IS THE PERFECT FUEL! IT'S ABSOLUTE ENERGY! NOT MATTER--SHEER ENERGY! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS INVENT AN ENGINE THAT CAN USE IT AS A FUEL!


WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, THE ASTROPHYSICIST RAN TEST AFTER TEST. THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN A MACHINE WORKED!
A BLAST OF HEAT--MELTING THE SNOW AND ICE! HUNDREDS OF THESE MACHINES WILL RESTORE EARTH TO ITS FORMER GLORY!


AS THE EXCITING NEWS SPREAD, MEN WHO HAD ABANDONED HOPE, BEGAN WORKING AT A FEVERISH PACE...
EVERY DAY MORE AND MORE SPORE ENGINES ARE BEING USED TO PUSH BACK THE ICE! PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO THEIR CITIES...


ONCE AGAIN MOUNTAIN STREAMS FLOWED AND THE SONG OF WORKING MEN FLOATED ACROSS THE TREETOPS...
THOSE SPORE-MACHINES CAN DO ANYTHING! WE'RE SMASHING ALL RECORDS IN BUILDING!


AS THE RECLAMATION OF EARTH WENT ON, MILITARY MEN CONVENED TO PREPARE A NEW BOMB--THE MIGHTIEST IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY!
GENTLEMEN, WITH THIS PROJECTILE, WE WILL BLAST THE ASTEROID THAT SENT THOSE SPORES WHICH NEARLY WRECKED US!


OUT INTO SPACE SOARED THE MIGHTY BOMB PROJECTILE...
THE BOMB'S DESTRUCTIVE FURY IS SO TERRIFIC THAT WHEN ITS PURE ENERGY EXPLODES, CERES WILL BE BLASTED APART!
ZOOM!

THAT PROJECTILE IS THE BEGINNING OF SPACE TRAVEL, GENTLEMEN. WITH THOSE SPORES, ENGINES CAN BE DESIGNED TO RISE ABOVE THE EARTH'S GRAVITY! THE SPORES WERE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE!
AT THAT MOMENT, FAR IN THE FROZEN NORTHLAND...
DOCTOR BRADY! HIDDEN UNDER THE ICE AND SNOW! A SPACESHIP!
COME ON! LET'S FIND OUT, IF WE CAN, WHERE IT CAME FROM!
NO ONE HERE AT ALL... ONLY MACHINES... LISTEN! THIS ONE IS HUMMING... BROADCASTING THOUGHTS!
EARTHMEN, THE PEOPLE OF CERES SEND YOU GREETINGS...
AFTER THE MENTAL TELEPATH MACHINE HAD UNFOLDED ITS AMAZING STORY...
DID YOU GET IT, DOCTOR? THOSE SPORES WERE SENT TO HELP US! THEY SAW OUR RESEARCHES WITH ATOMIC ENERGY AND OFFERED US A BETTER FUEL--THE PERFECT FUEL!
THROUGH SOME ACCIDENT THEIR SHIP THAT WAS TO TEACH US THE USE OF THE SPORES WAS WRECKED--
JIM! THAT BOMB! WE PUT ONE OF THOSE SPORES IN A BOMB AND HURLED IT AT THEIR ASTEROID!
THERE'S NO WAY OF STOPPING THE BOMB NOW! WHAT IRONY! THE PEOPLE OF CERES SENT US THE SPORES TO HELP US CONQUER INTERPLANETARY SPACE... AND WE USED ONE TO WIPE THEM OUT OF EXISTENCE!
The End
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Captain Tootsie IN THE NORTH WOODS
By BILL SCHNEIDER
HIKING THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS ON A DAY LIKE THIS SURE IS INVIGORATING!
BOY OH BOY, BEAR TRACKS AND THEY ARE BIG!
LOOK CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
YOU ARE RIGHT ROLLO! AND THEY ARE FRESH TRACKS - AND WE HAVE NEITHER GUN NOR RIFLE!
I HAVE AN IDEA!
WE'LL ALL HELP CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
GOOD! BUT FIRST LET'S ALL EAT DELICIOUS TOOTSIE ROLLS WE'LL ALL NEED PLENTY OF ENERGY!
THAT'S DEEP ENOUGH!
AFTER DIGGING A DEEP HOLE CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND HIS PALS PLACE TWIGS AND LEAVES OVER THE OPENING. USING THEIR LUNCH AS BAIT THEY PUT ALL THE FOOD ON TOP OF THE TWIGS
YIPE!
HERE HE COMES, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
QUICK! UP YOU GO — EVERYBODY!
THE HUNGRY BEAR HEADS STRAIGHT FOR THE FOOD!
HURRAY - IT WORKED!
HE'S TRAPPED!
CRASH!
AN HOUR LATER, THE FOREST RANGERS, HAVING BEEN CALLED BY CAPTAIN TOOTSIE, PUT THE BEAR INTO A CAGE.
TOOTSIE ROLLS, EVERYBODY! CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LUNCH WE SACRIFICED!
YUM YUM
HE SURE IS A BIG ONE!
FOR A TREAT OF TREATS - DEE-LISH-US, CHOCOLATY, CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLL!
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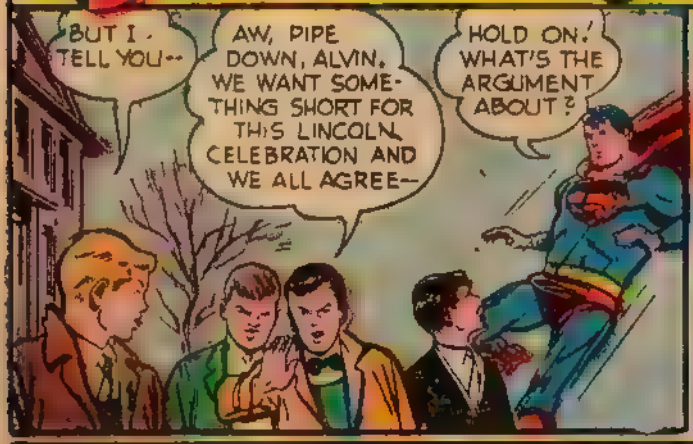
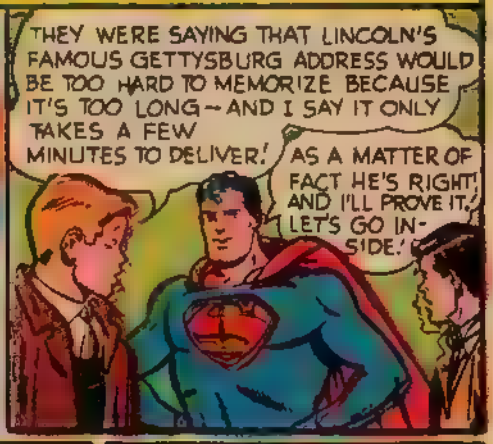
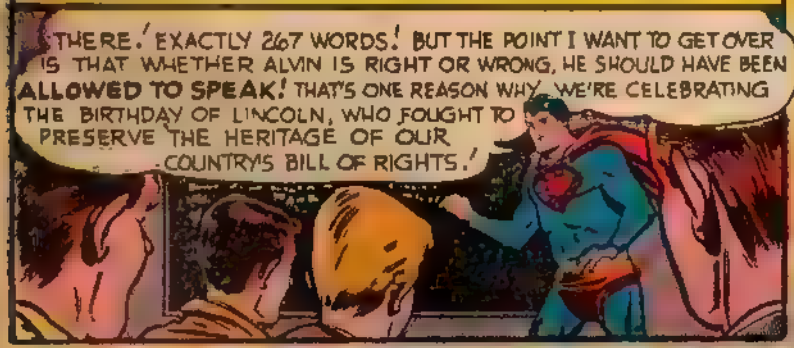

BUT I TELL YOU--
AW, PIPE DOWN, ALVIN. WE WANT SOMETHING SHORT FOR THIS LINCOLN CELEBRATION AND WE ALL AGREE--
HOLD ON! WHAT'S THE ARGUMENT ABOUT?

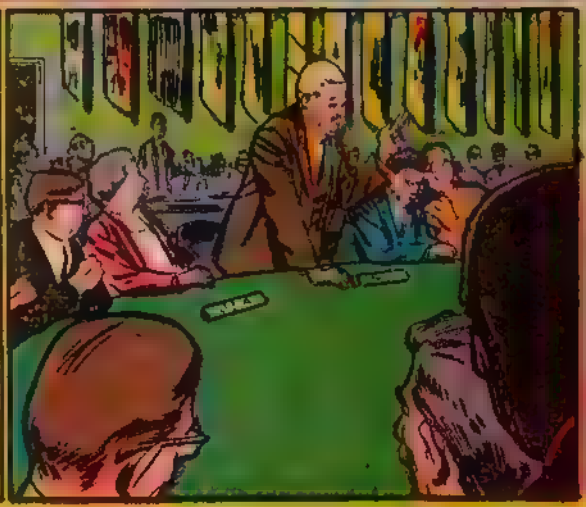

THEY WERE SAYING THAT LINCOLN'S FAMOUS GETTYSBURG ADDRESS WOULD BE TOO HARD TO MEMORIZE BECAUSE IT'S TOO LONG--AND I SAY IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES TO DELIVER!
AS A MATTER OF FACT HE'S RIGHT! AND I'LL PROVE IT! LET'S GO INSIDE!

IN ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS, FINGERS MOVING FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, **SUPERMAN** WRITES THE ENTIRE SPEECH ON THE BLACKBOARD IN A FRACTION OF A SECOND!


THERE! EXACTLY 267 WORDS! BUT THE POINT I WANT TO GET OVER IS THAT WHETHER ALVIN IS RIGHT OR WRONG, HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN **ALLOWED TO SPEAK!** THAT'S ONE REASON WHY WE'RE CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF LINCOLN, WHO FOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF OUR COUNTRY'S BILL OF RIGHTS!

"OTHER NATIONS FEEL THE SAME WAY. THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PREPARED A DECLARATION IN WHICH THEY OUTLINED THIRTY RIGHTS EVERY HUMAN BEING IN THE WORLD SHOULD HAVE --LIKE THE RIGHT TO SAY, WRITE AND READ WHAT YOU CHOOSE, WORSHIP AS YOU WISH, VOTE THE WAY YOU WANT."

"IN 1948, 59 NATIONS PASSED THE DECLARATION WITHOUT A DISSENTING VOTE. NOW THE COMMISSION IS WORKING ON A COVENANT FOR NATIONS TO SIGN, AGREEING TO LIVE UP TO THE DECLARATION IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES."



LET'S SEE TO IT THAT WE LIVE UP TO THIS IMPORTANT JOB AT HOME AND SUPPORT OUR UNITED NATIONS IN HELPING OTHER COUNTRIES TO LIVE UP TO IT, TOO. THAT WAY, THE WORLD CAN BE A SAFE AND HAPPY PLACE FOR *Everybody!*

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What do you know about COMETS?

EVER SINCE man lifted his eyes to gaze at the wonders in the night sky, perhaps the most spectacular sight he has seen is a *comet* streaking through the cosmic void! Though they have been observed and studied for almost 3,000 years, comparatively little is known today about these celestial wanderers —they are true *mysteries in space!*

What do *you* know about comets? To test your knowledge, and at the same time give you information about them, we have prepared a *comet quiz!*

Points are allotted for each question correctly answered. If your total score is between 90-100, consider yourself an expert cometeer. A grade between 75-90 is above average and marks you as a keen student of comet science. A 60-75 total means you've acquired a fair knowledge of the subject. But if you score below 60, chum, you're a *dub*—and we suggest you reach for an astronomy book and start brushing up on comets!

TRUE — FALSE

(3 points for each correct answer)

1. Only a very small proportion of comets discovered ever becomes visible to the naked eye.

2. *Perihelion* is the furthest distance a comet travels away from the sun.

3. As a comet approaches the sun, its tail always points in a direction directly away from the sun.

4. Regardless of the physical characteristics of comets, their tails are always the same shape.

5. The volume of a giant comet is very likely greater than the combined volume of all the planets of the solar system.

6. The orbits of most comets are even more regular than those of our planets.

7. On the other hand, some comets' orbits are of such a nature that they may be seen *once* and never again.

8. Halley's Comet was discovered by the astronomer Halley.

9. The commonly accepted theory is that comets are really remnants of far distant exploding stars.

10. No definite connection has ever been established between comets and meteors.

11. The fear that the Earth may someday be destroyed by a passing comet is grossly exaggerated.

12. Should a comet pass fairly close to a planet, it would not change the comet's orbit in the slightest.

13. Comets can have only *one* tail.

14. The comet having the shortest orbit known is Encke's Comet.

15. There is no satisfactory explanation for the origin of comets.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

(2 points for each correct answer)

1. There have been, on the average, about (a) 1, (b) 10, (c) 100 naked eye comets detected every year.

2. Comets are (a) smaller, (b) larger, (c) same size as compared to all the other members of the solar system.

3. The mass of an average comet is about (a) 100,000, (b) same, (c) 1/100,000 times the mass of the Earth.

4. The majority of comet orbits are (a) elliptical, (b) hyperbolic, (c) parabolic in character.

5. Probably the most famous of all comets is Halley's Comet. It returns to sight on the average of every (a) 25, (b) 50, (c) 75 years.

6. There are about (a) 400, (b) 1000, (c) 4000 comets whose paths have been charted.

7. The estimated number of comets roaming through the solar system is (a) 1200, (b) 120,000, (c) 1,200,000.

8. The comet of 1811, bearing a tail 15,000,000 miles long, will return in (a) 200 years, (b) 900 years, (c) 2900 years.

9. Planets often "capture" comets that pass too close to them. Halley's Comet has become a captive of (a) Jupiter, (b) Neptune, (c) Saturn.

10. The planet that has captured the *most* comets is (a) Jupiter, (b) Neptune, (c) Saturn.

SUPPLY THE MISSING WORD

(5 points for each correct answer)

1. A comet is composed of three main parts: the nucleus, the ————, and the tail.

2. As a comet approaches the sun, the nucleus increases in brightness and apparently ———— in size.

3. Our only available means of measuring the masses of comets are by the ———— which they produce in the orbits of other planets.

4. We have determined that comets shine partly by reflected sunlight and partly by radiation from gasses by means of ———— analysis.

5. Comets are primarily distinguished from planets in three ways: they are surrounded by nebulous envelopes; their smaller masses; and their ———— orbits.

SCRAMBLED COMETS

(Below are listed the names of five prominent comets, the letters of which have been scrambled together. Rearrange the letters in their correct order . . . and take 2 points for each comet deciphered.)

1. F W O L
2. K E C E N
3. L I B A E
4. L Y L E A H
5. T T T E U L

ANSWERS

True-False. 1. True. 2. False. (It is the *closest* approach to the sun.) 3. True. 4. False. (Comet tails have a variety of shapes and curvature, running from short, sharply curved tails, to long straight streamers.) 5. True. 6. False. (The orbits are much more eccentric.) 7. True. 8. False. (Halley was the first to predict the comet's return.) 9. False. (Comets are now and always have been members of the solar system, and have evolved and developed with it.) 10. False. (In one case a comet was observed disintegrating at several successive returns and finally failed to reappear as a comet. In its place was detected a meteoric shower.) 11. True. (The gas in comet tails is so highly diffused, that even if poisonous a lethal concentration is highly unlikely.) 12. False. (In 1889, Jupiter captured a planet and completely altered its path.) 13. False. (Comet of 1774, for example, had many tails.) 14. True. (Encke's Comet takes about three and a third years to complete its orbit to Jupiter.) 15. False. (While it is true that no satisfactory explanation exists for the origin of long-period comets, short-period comets are believed to have originally been long-period comets that passed close to giant planets and suffered great perturbations, thus shortening their periods to the present lengths.

Multiple Choice. 1 (a). 2 (b). 3 (c). 4 (c). 5 (c). 6 (a). 7 (b). 8 (c). 9 (b). 10 (a).

Missing Words. 1—coma. 2—decreases. 3—perturbations. 4—spectrum. 5—eccentric

Scrambled Comets. 1—Wolf. 2—Encke. 3—Biela. 4—Halley. 5—Tuttle.

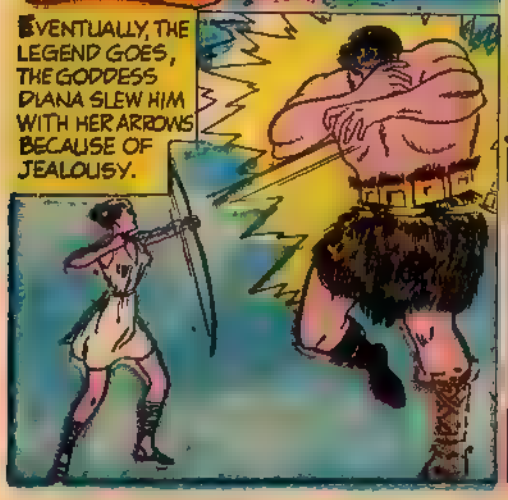
STARS and their LEGENDS

ORION, THE BELTED GIANT! ORION WISHED TO MARRY MEROPE DAUGHTER OF THE KING OF THE ISLAND OF CHIOS. DISLIKING THE SUITOR BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT HEIGHT, THE KING HOPED TO RID HIMSELF OF THE GIANT BY CONSENTING TO THE MARRIAGE IF ORION WOULD FREE THE ISLAND FROM THE SAVAGE BEASTS THAT ROAMED THERE.

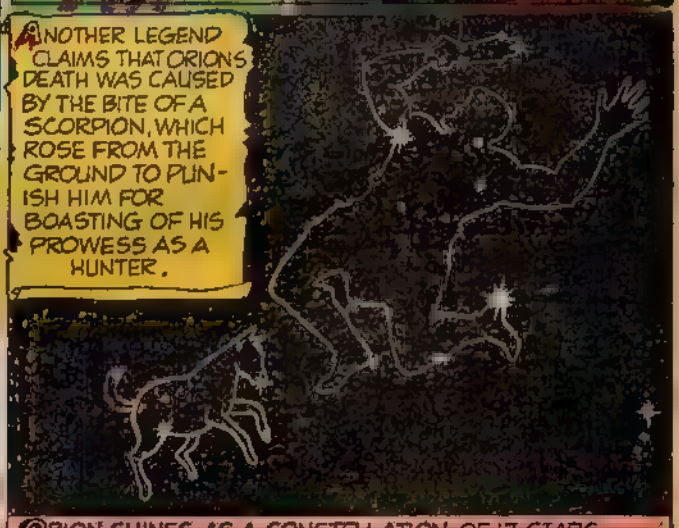
ORION COMPLETED HIS TASK BUT THE KING RENEGED ON HIS PROMISE AND HAD THE GIANT BLINDED.

ORION CARRIED A BLACKSMITH ON HIS BACK TO GUIDE HIM TO THE BEST SPOT FACING THE RISING SUN. STARING AT IT, ORION RECOVERED HIS SIGHT.

EVENTUALLY, THE LEGEND GOES, THE GODDESS DIANA SLEW HIM WITH HER ARROWS BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY.



ANOTHER LEGEND CLAIMS THAT ORION'S DEATH WAS CAUSED BY THE BITE OF A SCORPION, WHICH ROSE FROM THE GROUND TO PUNISH HIM FOR BOASTING OF HIS PROWESS AS A HUNTER.



ORION SHINES AS A CONSTELLATION OF 17 STARS, WITH A GLITTERING BELT AROUND HIS WAIST, AND HIS DOG SIRIUS NEAR HIM.

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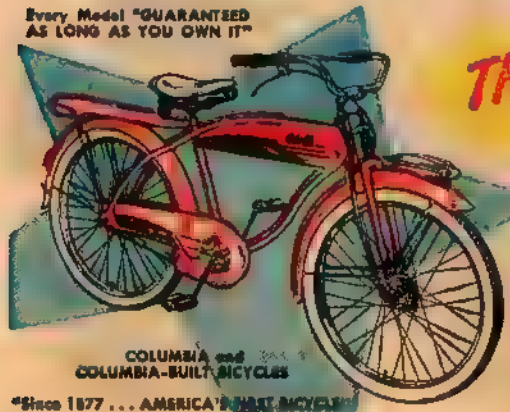

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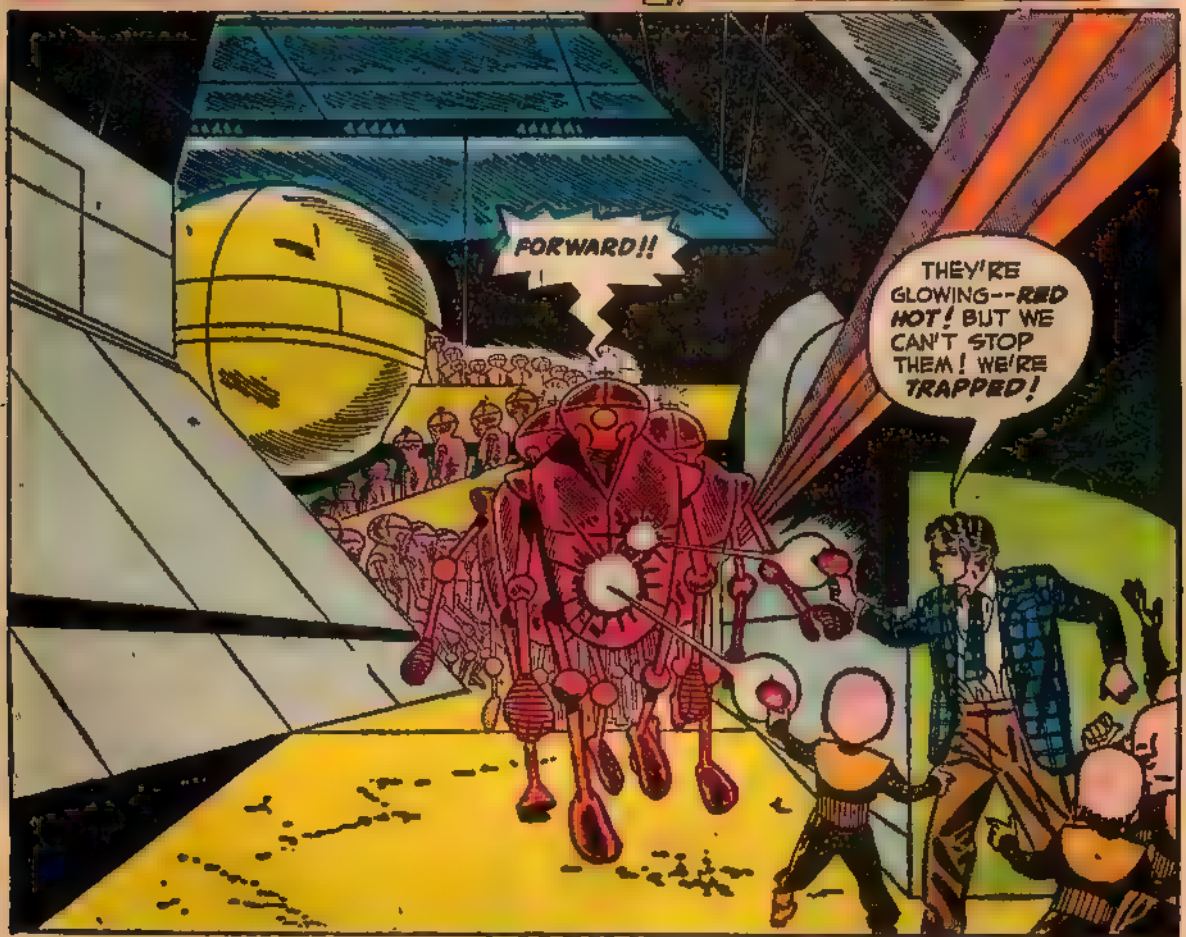
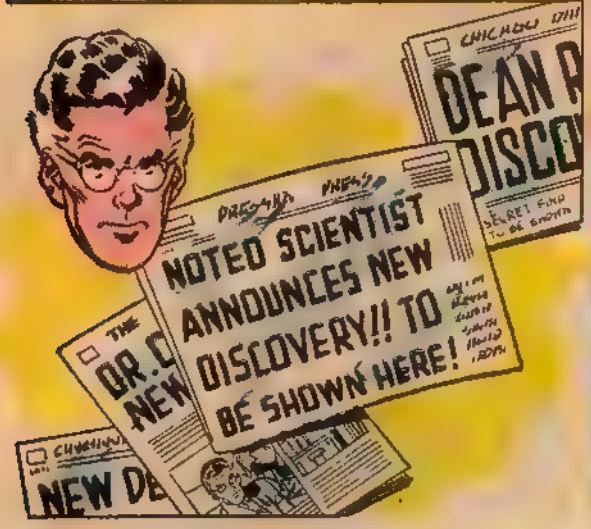


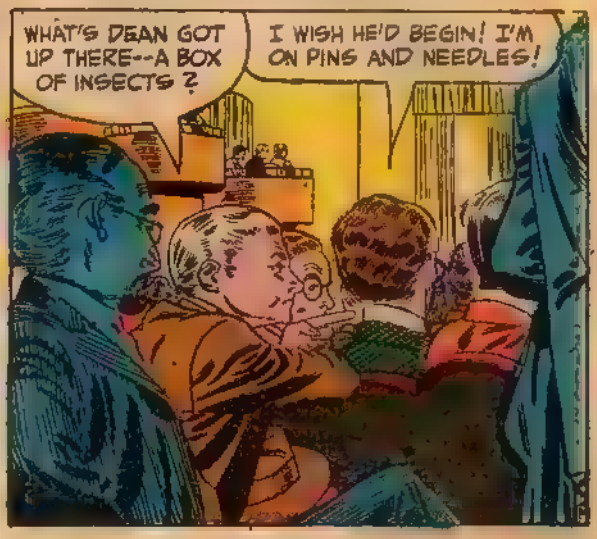
ONE MOMENT DR. ALFRED DEAN, LEADING RESEARCH SCIENTIST, WAS TELLING AN ENTHRALLED AUDIENCE ON EARTH THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY...AND THE NEXT INSTANT HE WAS TRANSPLANTED TO ***ANOTHER*** WORLD...WHERE IMMORTALITY REIGNED! NO ONE EVER DIED--EXCEPT IN THE STRANGE AND FORBIDDING ***VALLEY OF EXECUTION!***

BUT STRANGEST OF ALL WAS THE REASON WHY THE KEEN-BRAINED EARTH SCIENTIST HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE WORLD WHERE TIME STOOD STILL...

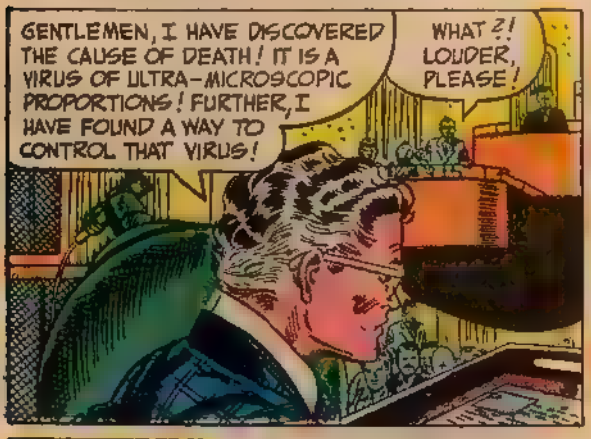
ON THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1951, ALL NEWSPAPERS FEATURE A TANTALIZING HEADLINE...

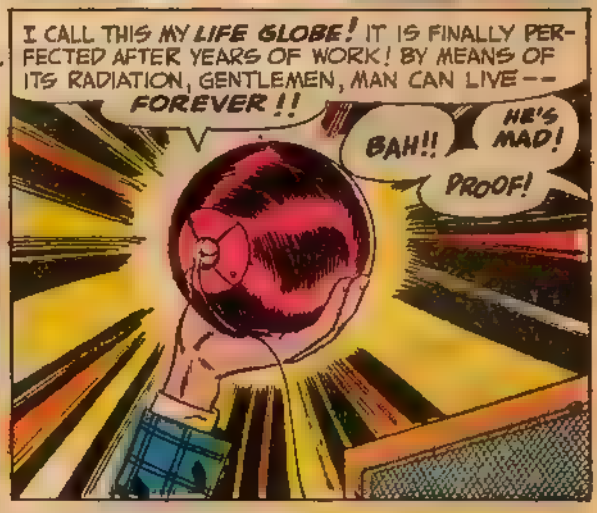


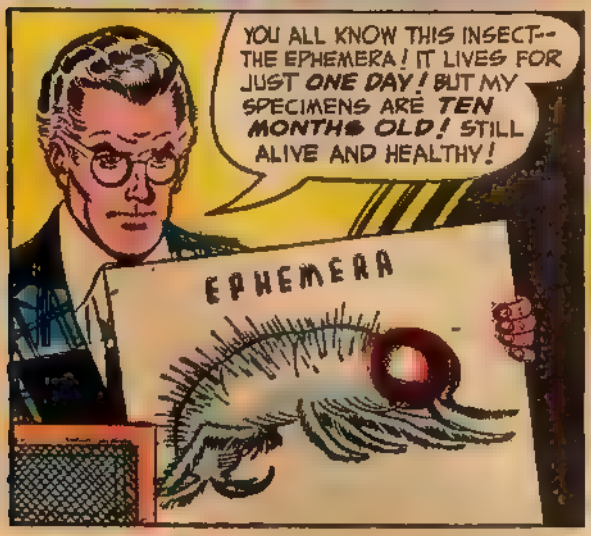
THAT EVENING... A TENSE AUDIENCE OF SCIENTISTS WAITS IN THE ACADEMY AUDITORIUM...

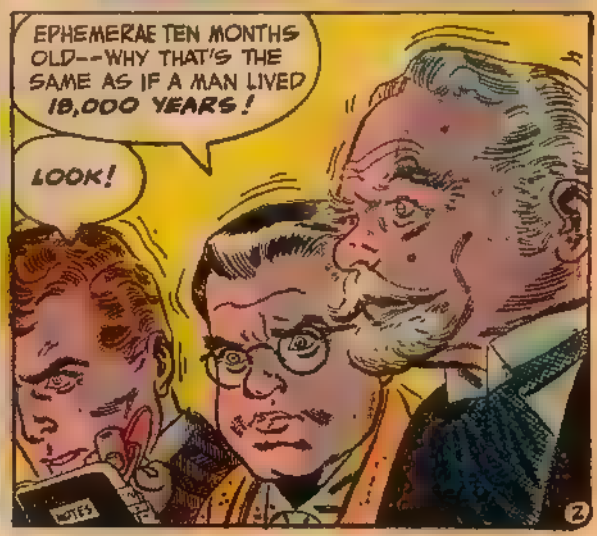


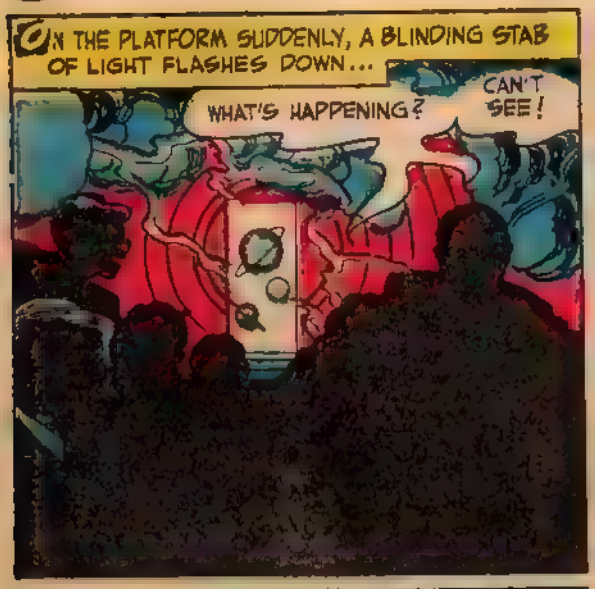
HIS PREPARATIONS COMPLETED, A HUSH FALLS OVER THE ASSEMBLY AS DR. DEAN CALMLY BEGINS..

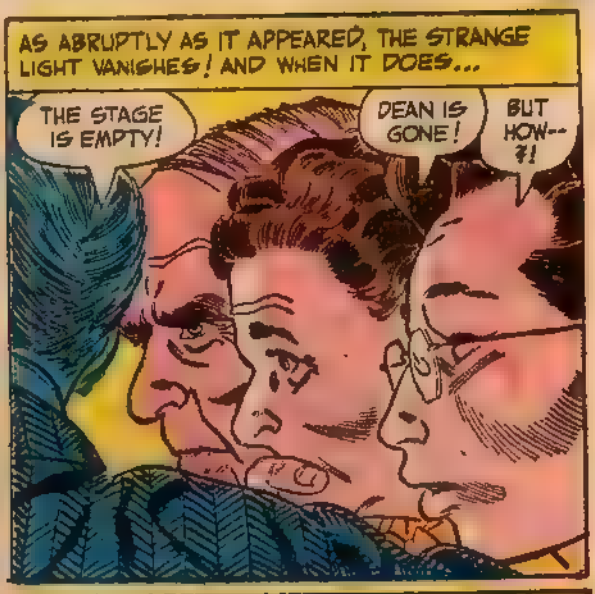

GENTLEMEN, I HAVE DISCOVERED THE CAUSE OF DEATH! IT IS A VIRUS OF ULTRA-MICROSCOPIC PROPORTIONS! FURTHER, I HAVE FOUND A WAY TO CONTROL THAT VIRUS!
WHAT?! LOUDER, PLEASE!

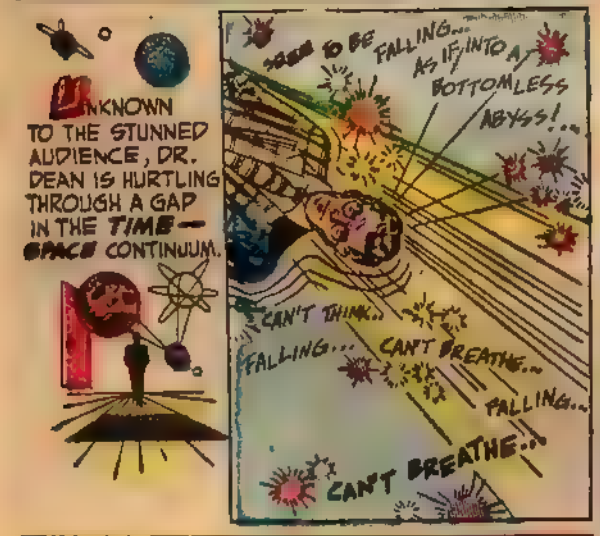

I CALL THIS MY LIFE GLOBE! IT IS FINALLY PERFECTED AFTER YEARS OF WORK! BY MEANS OF ITS RADIATION, GENTLEMEN, MAN CAN LIVE -- FOREVER!!
BAH!!
HE'S MAD!
PROOF!


YOU ALL KNOW THIS INSECT-- THE EPHEMERA! IT LIVES FOR JUST ONE DAY! BUT MY SPECIMENS ARE TEN MONTHS OLD! STILL ALIVE AND HEALTHY!
EPHEMERA




ON THE PLATFORM SUDDENLY, A BLINDING STAB OF LIGHT FLASHES DOWN...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
CAN'T SEE!


AS ABRUPTLY AS IT APPEARED, THE STRANGE LIGHT VANISHES! AND WHEN IT DOES...
THE STAGE IS EMPTY!
DEAN IS GONE!
BUT HOW--?!


UNKNOWN TO THE STUNNED AUDIENCE, DR. DEAN IS HURTLING THROUGH A GAP IN THE TIME—SPACE CONTINUUM.
SEEM TO BE FALLING... AS IF INTO A BOTTOMLESS ABYSS!...
CAN'T THINK...
FALLING...
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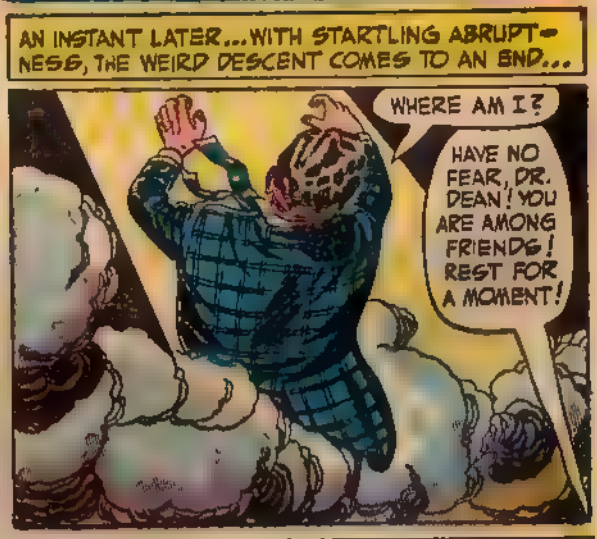
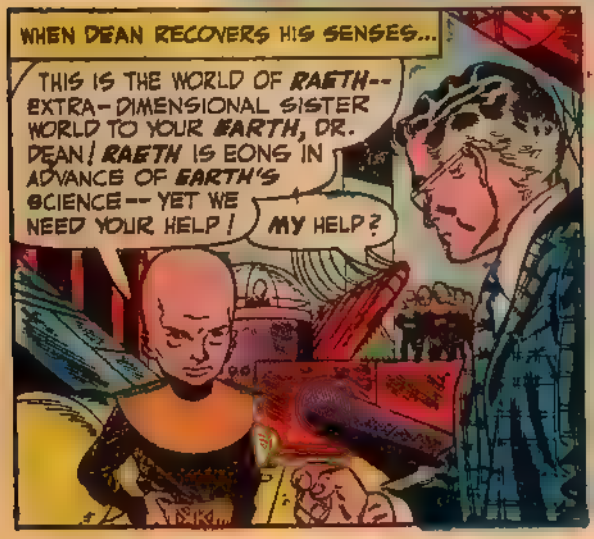
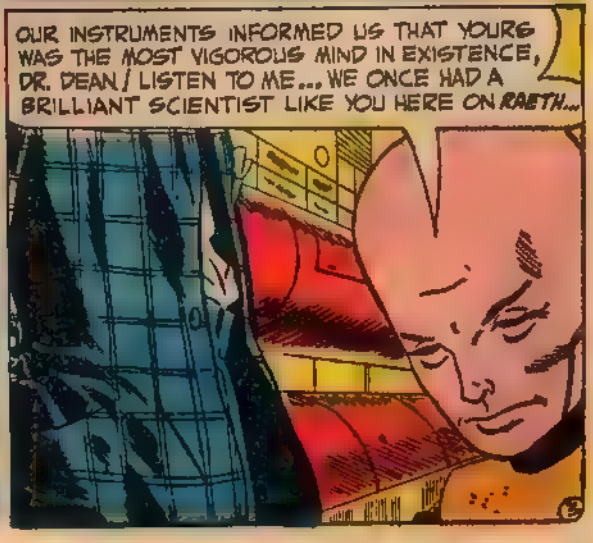

AN INSTANT LATER... WITH STARTLING ABRUPTNESS, THE WEIRD DESCENT COMES TO AN END...
WHERE AM I?
HAVE NO FEAR, DR. DEAN! YOU ARE AMONG FRIENDS! REST FOR A MOMENT!


WHEN DEAN RECOVERS HIS SENSES...
THIS IS THE WORLD OF RAETH--EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL SISTER WORLD TO YOUR EARTH, DR. DEAN! RAETH IS EONS IN ADVANCE OF EARTH'S SCIENCE -- YET WE NEED YOUR HELP!
MY HELP?


OUR INSTRUMENTS INFORMED US THAT YOURS WAS THE MOST VIGOROUS MIND IN EXISTENCE, DR. DEAN! LISTEN TO ME... WE ONCE HAD A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST LIKE YOU HERE ON RAETH...

"HIS NAME WAS **SYR VENYR!** ONE DAY 100,000 YEARS AGO, HE COMPLETED HIS GREAT WORK.."

MY **IMMORTALITY RAY** IS PERFECTED! NOW ALL **RAETHLINGS** CAN LIVE **FOREVER!** BUT I MUST BE CAREFUL!...

"SYR VENYR REALIZED THAT HIS CREATION WAS A POTENTIAL DANGER AS WELL AS A BOON..."

IF MY RAY FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD BECOME AN INSTRUMENT OF EVIL--OF DICTATORSHIP! I WILL PUT IT INTO OPERATION, BUT NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW WHERE IT IS **HIDDEN!**

"THAT VERY NIGHT, SYR VENYR LEFT RAETH CITY IN HIS PRIVATE JET..."

I WILL SEEK A GOOD HIDING PLACE FOR THE RAY--THEN USE A MEMORY-ERADICATOR ON MYSELF, SO THAT **EVEN I** WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND IT! ONLY THEN WILL **RAETH** BE SAFE AND **IMMORTAL!**

"SWIFTLY, SYR VENYR CARRIED OUT HIS PLAN... HE ATTACHED A SIMPLE SUN ENGINE TO THE RAY AND LEFT IT! YEARS PASSED... MANY, MANY YEARS..."

I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! IMMORTALITY HAS HALTED ALL PROGRESS! MEN HAVE BECOME LAZY... LOST ALL AMBITION...

RAETH DARK

"SYR VENYR CAME TO REGRET THE DECISION TO DESTROY HIS MEMORY OF THE RAY'S HIDING PLACE..."

WITH ALL ETERNITY TO LOOK FORWARD TO, THE INCENTIVE TO WORK HAS PERISHED! NO LONGER IS THERE **A SPIRIT** OF LIVING--ONLY A DULL EXISTENCE. I MUST FIND MY RAY... AND DESTROY IT!

"WORD OF SYR VENYR'S INTENTIONS REACHED THE POPULACE OF **RAETH CITY...**"

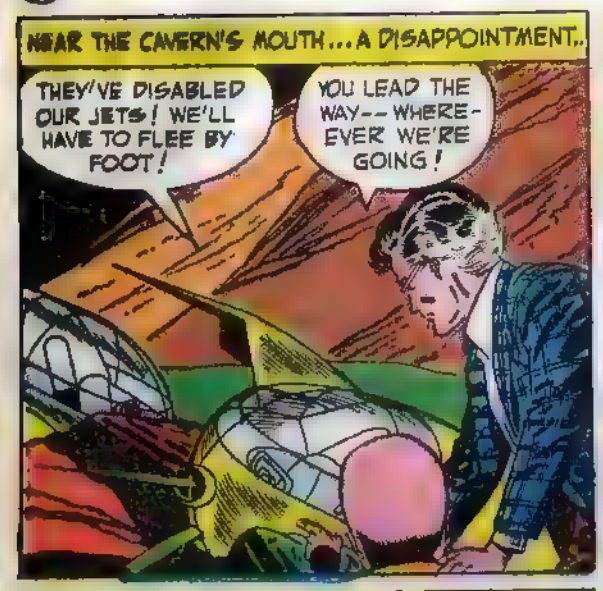
SYR VENYR MUST BE SEIZED!

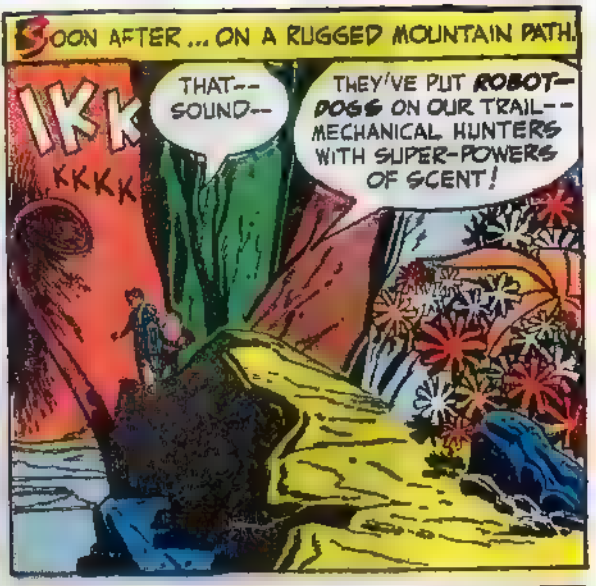
YES! HE WOULD END OUR IMMORTALITY!

SO THIS IS THE WAY MY PEOPLE ARE TALKING!

"FEARFUL OF CAPTURE, SYR VENYR AND A FEW LOYAL FRIENDS FLED THE CITY--TO BE HUNTED NIGHT AND DAY..."
WE ARE THOSE FRIENDS, DR. DEAN!
AND I...AM SYR VENYR! OUR DESIRE IS TO RESTORE THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS TO OUR BELOVED RAETH!
EARNESTLY, THE IMMORTAL LEADER EXPLAINS HOW HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE FUTILELY SOUGHT THE HIDDEN RAY...
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO LOCATE IT! OUR BRAINS ARE DULLED BY 100,000 YEARS OF EXISTENCE! BUT--YOURS IS YOUNG AND ACTIVE! WON'T YOU HELP US?
I'D LIKE TO, SYR VENYR! I'LL TRY...
SUDDENLY...A VIGILANT SCOUT CRIES OUT A WARNING...
A COLUMN OF GUIDED WARRIORS APPROACHING!
ROBOT SOLDIERS, DR. DEAN! SEE HOW MY PEOPLE AVOID EXERTION? HURRY--
BUT AT THE MOUTH OF THE HUGE CAVERN WHERE THE LITTLE BAND OF REFUGEES HAS BEEN CONCEALED...
TOO LATE! WE CANNOT REACH OUR JETS!
WE MUST FIGHT! TAKE THIS HEAT BOLT, DR. DEAN! USE IT!
AS THE LITTLE GROUP IS FORCED TO RETREAT BACK INTO THE CAVERN...
FORWARD!
THEY'RE GLOWING.. RED HOT! BUT WE CAN'T STOP THEM!
DESPITE HEAT BOLTS--THE GRIM METAL ARRAY KEEPS ADVANCING...
ALL IS LOST!
WAIT! THIS HUGE MAGNET--PART OF THE MACHINE BY WHICH YOU BROUGHT ME HERE! IT'S CONNECTED...

SPINNING THE GREAT MAGNET AROUND ON ITS TURN-TABLE, THE EARTHMAN PULLS A SWITCH THAT REVERSES THE DIRECTION OF MAGNETIC FORCE ...
INGENIOUS! THE MAGNET IS REPELLING THE METAL SOLDIERS! STRIKING THEM LIKE AN EXPLOSION!
BUT THEY'VE GRABBED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR BAND, SYR VENYR!
FORW--RRKK!
IN CONFUSION THE ROBOT COLUMN RETREATS WITH ITS CAPTIVES ...
MY POOR FRIENDS! IT WILL MEAN THE VALLEY OF EXECUTION FOR THEM ...
THE WHAT?
RAPIDLY, SYR VENYR EXPLAINS THAT THE IMMORTALITY RAY IS NOT 100% TRUE IN EFFECTIVENESS ...
ONE PLACE ON RAETH NOT FAR FROM HERE HAS NEVER BEEN AFFECTED BY THE RAY! IF THE STATE DECREES SOMEONE MUST DIE, HE IS TAKEN TO THIS VALLEY OF EXECUTION--WHERE, CUT OFF FROM THE RAYS--HE DIES AT ONCE!
AS THE METALLIC ATTACKERS OBEY REMOTE-CONTROLLED ORDERS ...
THE MAIN FORCE HAS GONE--WITH MY FRIENDS! BUT THEY'VE LEFT A GUARD TO PREVENT OUR LEAVING THE CAVERN!
THEY'RE TOO CLOSE FOR THEIR OWN GOOD! NOW STAND AWAY, SYR VENYR--
SUDDENLY... THE FORCE-DIRECTION OF THE MAMMOTH MAGNET IS REVERSED TO NORMAL ... AND...
CLANK!
SKRKKK!
THE WAY IS CLEAR FOR US NOW, SYR VENYR!


NEAR THE CAVERN'S MOUTH... A DISAPPOINTMENT..
THEY'VE DISABLED OUR JETS! WE'LL HAVE TO FLEE BY FOOT!
YOU LEAD THE WAY-- WHEREEVER WE'RE GOING!


SOON AFTER... ON A RUGGED MOUNTAIN PATH!
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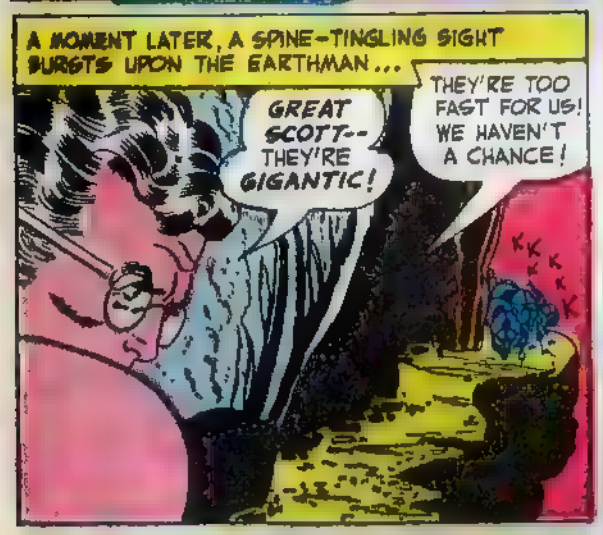
THAT-- SOUND--
THEY'VE PUT ROBOT-DOGS ON OUR TRAIL-- MECHANICAL HUNTERS WITH SUPER-POWERS OF SCENT!


A MOMENT LATER, A SPINE-TINGLING SIGHT BURSTS UPON THE EARTHMAN...
GREAT SCOTT-- THEY'RE GIGANTIC!
THEY'RE TOO FAST FOR US! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
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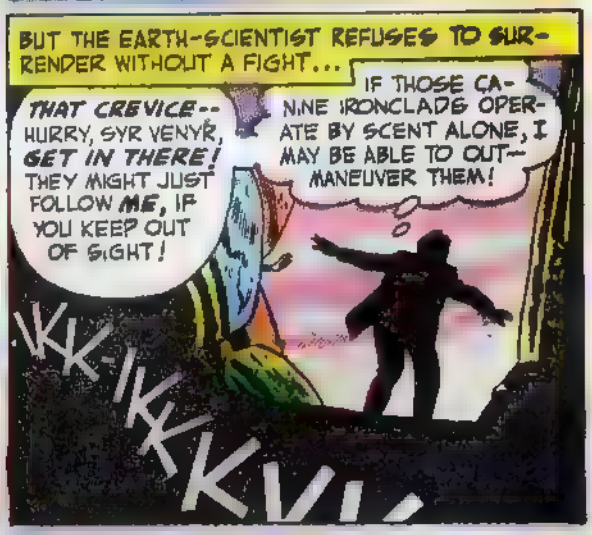
BUT THE EARTH-SCIENTIST REFUSES TO SURRENDER WITHOUT A FIGHT...
THAT CREVICE-- HURRY, SYR VENYR, GET IN THERE! THEY MIGHT JUST FOLLOW ME, IF YOU KEEP OUT OF SIGHT!
IF THOSE CANINE IRONCLADS OPERATE BY SCENT ALONE, I MAY BE ABLE TO OUTMANEUVER THEM!
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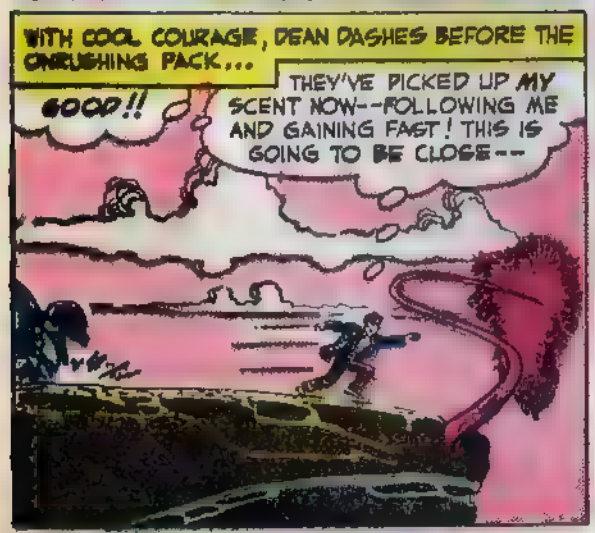
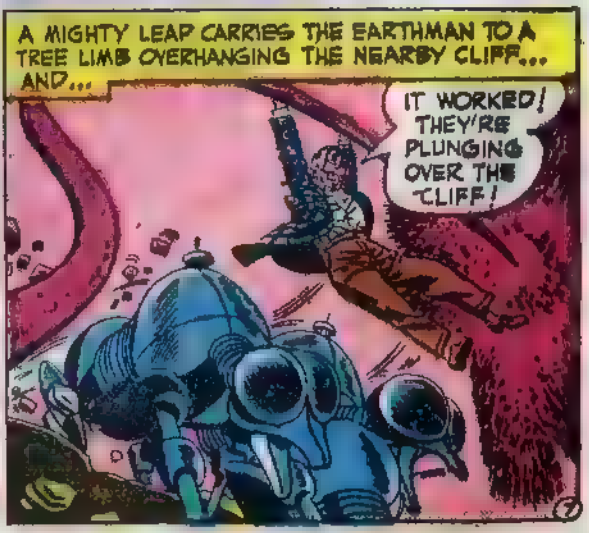
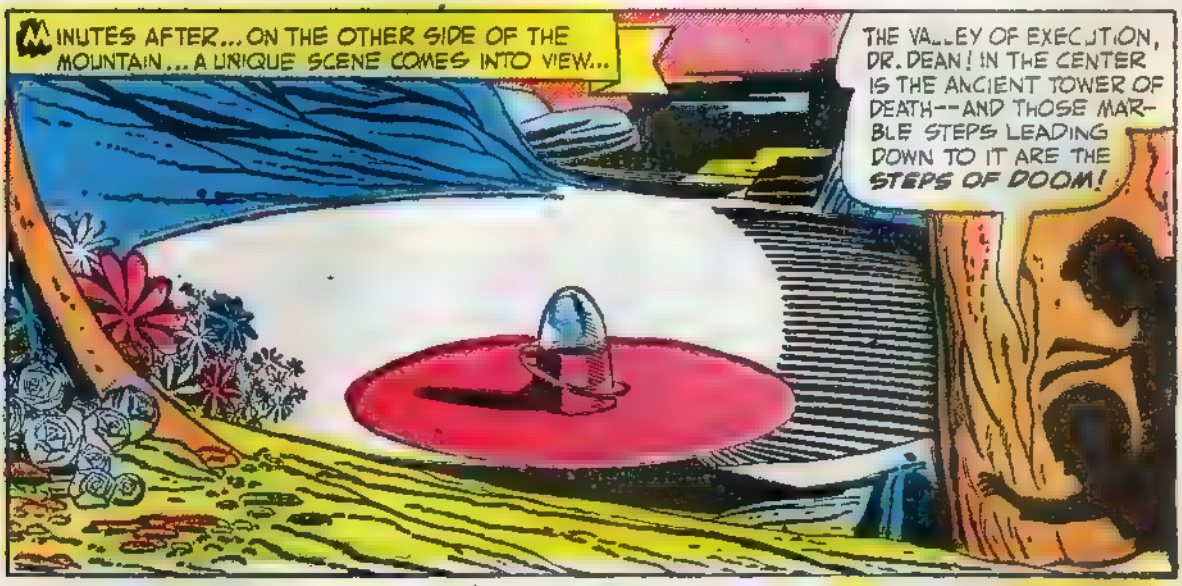
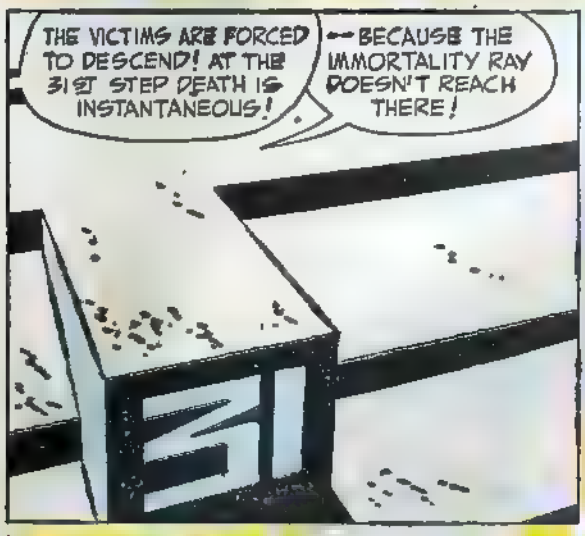

WITH COOL COURAGE, DEAN DASHES BEFORE THE ONRUSHING PACK...
GOOD!!
THEY'VE PICKED UP MY SCENT NOW--FOLLOWING ME AND GAINING FAST! THIS IS GOING TO BE CLOSE--


A MIGHTY LEAP CARRIES THE EARTHMAN TO A TREE LIMB OVERHANGING THE NEARBY CLIFF... AND...
IT WORKED! THEY'RE PLUNGING OVER THE CLIFF!


MINUTES AFTER... ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN... A UNIQUE SCENE COMES INTO VIEW...
THE VALLEY OF EXECUTION, DR. DEAN! IN THE CENTER IS THE ANCIENT TOWER OF DEATH--AND THOSE MARBLE STEPS LEADING DOWN TO IT ARE THE STEPS OF DOOM!


THE VICTIMS ARE FORCED TO DESCEND! AT THE 31ST STEP DEATH IS INSTANTANEOUS!
--BECAUSE THE IMMORTALITY RAY DOESN'T REACH THERE!
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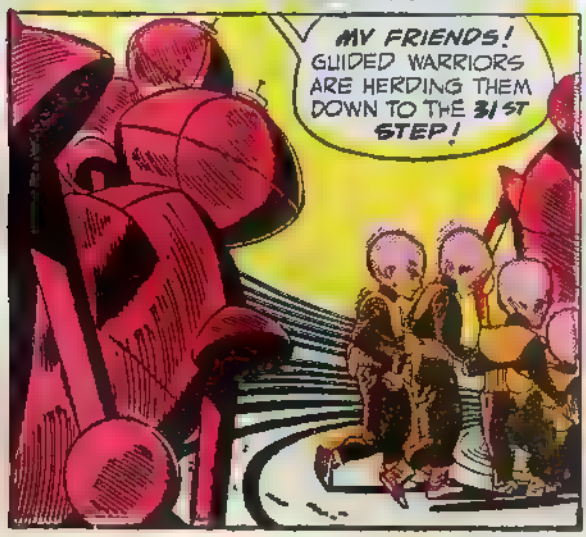
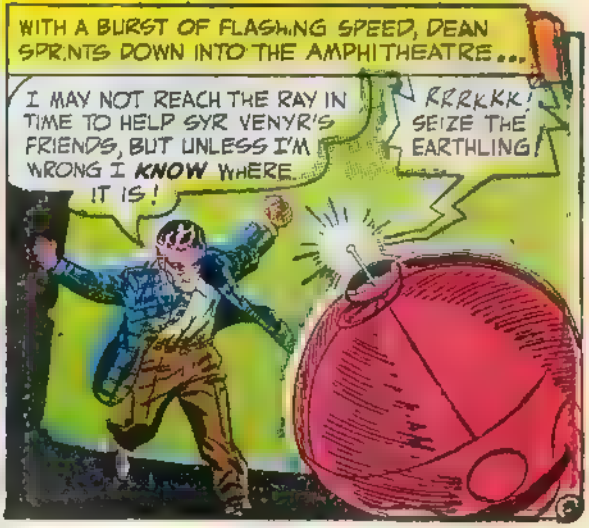
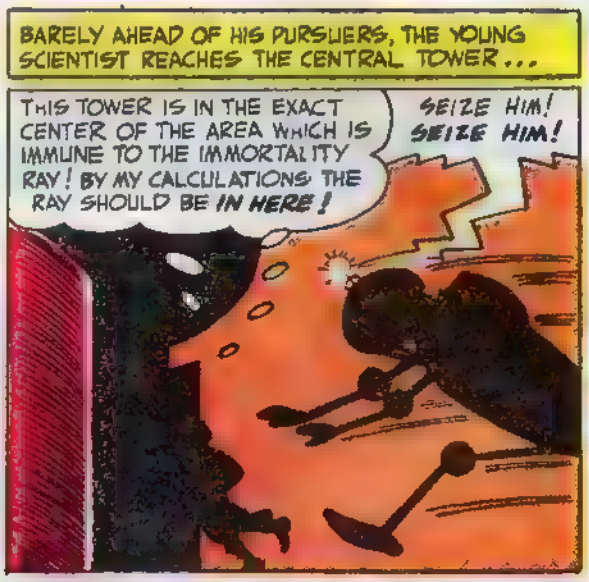
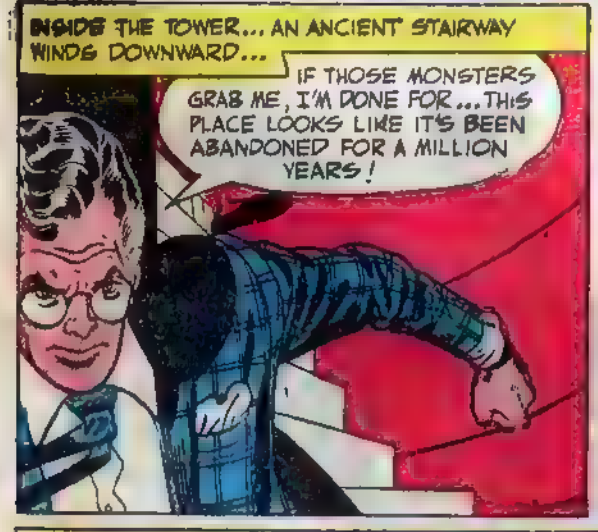
YES--BUT WHAT CAN YOU DEDUCE FROM THAT?
I MAY BE ABLE TO LOCATE YOUR RAY!
BUT LOOK--

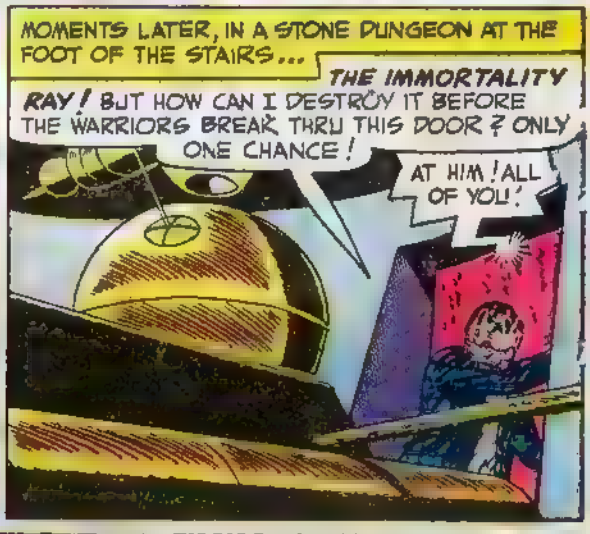

MY FRIENDS! GUIDED WARRIORS ARE HERDING THEM DOWN TO THE 31ST STEP!


WITH A BURST OF FLASHING SPEED, DEAN SPRINTS DOWN INTO THE AMPHITHEATRE...
I MAY NOT REACH THE RAY IN TIME TO HELP SYR VENYR'S FRIENDS, BUT UNLESS I'M WRONG I KNOW WHERE IT IS!
KRRKKK! SEIZE THE EARTHLING!

AS THE METAL SOLDIERS START FOR HIM, DEAN LEAPS PAST THE DREADED 31ST STEP...
JUST AS I FIGURED! THIS AREA HAS NO UNUSUAL EFFECT ON ME BECAUSE I'M NOT IMMORTAL LIKE THE RAETHLINGS!


BARELY AHEAD OF HIS PURSUERS, THE YOUNG SCIENTIST REACHES THE CENTRAL TOWER...
THIS TOWER IS IN THE EXACT CENTER OF THE AREA WHICH IS IMMUNE TO THE IMMORTALITY RAY! BY MY CALCULATIONS THE RAY SHOULD BE IN HERE!
SEIZE HIM! SEIZE HIM!


INSIDE THE TOWER... AN ANCIENT STAIRWAY WINDS DOWNWARD...
IF THOSE MONSTERS GRAB ME, I'M DONE FOR... THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN ABANDONED FOR A MILLION YEARS!


MOMENTS LATER, IN A STONE DUNGEON AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS...
THE IMMORTALITY RAY! BUT HOW CAN I DESTROY IT BEFORE THE WARRIORS BREAK THRU THIS DOOR? ONLY ONE CHANCE!
AT HIM! ALL OF YOU!

SUDDENLY SPRINGING AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT DOOR, DEAN SEES HIS IDEA WORK TO PERFECTION...
BOOM!
THEIR MOMENTUM CARRIED THE WARRIORS STRAIGHT INTO THE RAY MACHINERY--SMASHING IT TO BITS!

AT THAT INSTANT...AT A CONTROL PANEL IN RAETH CITY...
UHH...CAN'T CONTROL THE ROBOT SOLDIERS ANYMORE...
SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED, ORYM! WE--WE ARE DYING!
AS THE GUIDED WARRIORS BECOME MOTIONLESS, DEAN HURRIES BACK TO SYR VENYR..
YES, MY FRIEND...YOU HAVE SAVED RAETH... WE OLD ONES WILL DIE...LIKE I AM DYING NOW...BUT THE YOUNG WILL GROW UP STRONG AND VIGOROUS...WITHOUT THE CURSE OF IMMORTALITY!
OBEYING SYR VENYR'S LAST WISH, THE EARTHMAN EXPLAINS HOW HE LOCATED THE RAY...
THE PRINCIPLE IS SIMPLE, SYR VENYR! THERE'S ALWAYS A SPOT DIRECTLY ABOVE, SAY, A WATER FOUNTAIN WHERE THE SPRAY DOES NOT REACH! IN THE SAME WAY, THE AREA DIRECTLY OVER THE RAY WAS UNTOUCHED BY IT!
LATER...DEAN RETURNS TO THE CAVERN WHERE HE FIRST ENCOUNTERED SYR VENYR...
SYR VENYR IS GONE! HIS LAST WORDS WERE TO PULL THIS LEVER--AND I WOULD RETURN TO EARTH AT THE EXACT INSTANT I LEFT IT--BECAUSE RAETH TIME HAS NO RELATION TO EARTH TIME!
IN THE ACADEMY AUDITORIUM.. A SPLIT SECOND LATER...
LOOK--DR. DEAN! HE WAS THERE ALL THE TIME! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TRICK OUR EYES PLAYED!
HE'S SMASHING HIS LIFE GLOBE!
CRASH!
FOLLOWING THE SPEAKER'S STARTLING ACTION, COMES AN EQUALLY STARTLING SPEECH...
GENTLEMEN, IMMORTALITY IS A CURSE! WE MUST NEVER SEEK IT AGAIN!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE MADE DEAN CHANGE HIS MIND SO QUICKLY?
THE END

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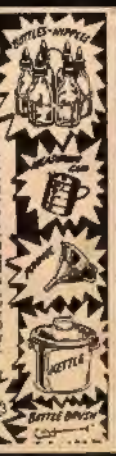

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